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Boris flying in under the radar to get MPs' vote for new airport

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LONDON Mayor Boris Johnson has sent his chief aviation advisor on a hush-hush mission to try and convince Kent's MPs to change their minds over their opposition to the Thames Estuary airport plan.

We can reveal that airport guru Daniel Moylan, who has been tasked with leading the mayor's aviation policy unit, has hosted a number of informal, one-to-one discussions with the county's parliamentarians trying to get them to back the estuary idea.

Meeting each one separately, he has put forward arguments for a multi-billion pound airport somewhere in the estuary off the north Kent coast, which has long been championed by Mr Johnson.

But despite the increasing political pressure, our MPs say they are not for turning. The latest to have met with Mr Moylan is Dartford MP Gareth Johnson.

He said: "It was just me and him [Moylan] – it was my turn. He was lobbying me to support the plan for an airport in the Thames Estuary.

"The meeting didn't change my mind; I'm against it not only due to the severe environmental impact on the local area, but also because this is the most expensive option and would take the longest time to achieve.

"I don't want to be blinkered to the arguments supporting it, I'm in favour of aviation capacity in the south east, and so I listened to him.

"However, I still don't support an airport in the Thames Estuary. I think there should be expansion at Gatwick and Heathrow and more use of airports such as Manston."

Conservative MP for Sittingbourne

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HUSH-HUSH: Mr Johnson sent his chief aviation advisor to hold talks with Kent's MPs

TECHNOLOGY

4G confirmed for our towns

THE new generation of smartphones will soon be able to harness the speed of 4G mobile broadband in the county after Kent was named as one of the first to embrace the technology.

Starting in the spring, five towns will see it roll out. Find out if it's coming your way inside. **PAGE 3**

DEBATE

Tory MPs split over gay vote

HALF the county's Conservative MPs defied leader David Cameron and voted against the call for gay marriages in the House of Commons this week.

We run through who voted for which side and hear from Sir Roger Gale on his dramatic proposals for a shake-up of the plans. **PAGE 5**

DEVELOPMENT

£2bn park's funding push

THOSE behind the hugely ambitious scheme to build a major theme park on a former cement factory say the response to a call for funding has been 'so far, so good'.

But it admits it is not quite ready to go to public consultation just yet - despite plans to do so last month. **PAGE 15**

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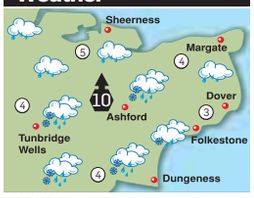

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RELGION

Cathedral says enthronement of Archbishop Welby will be an 'all-singing, all-dancing' affair

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PREPARATIONS are under way for the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury next month with organisers describing it as being a "all-singing, all-dancing" affair.

The much anticipated ceremony on Thursday, March 21, will involve the new archbishop Justin Welby publicly taking up his new position in the Canterbury diocese and is likely to attract a host of VIPs, including Prime Minister David Cameron and Prince Charles.

It follows the Confirmation of Election at St Paul's Cathedral this week, which saw the former oil executive-turned-bishop legally appointed as Archbishop of Canterbury.

It marked a significant moment for the diocese, which stretches across Thanet, Dover, Shepway, Canterbury, Ashford, Maidstone and Sittingbourne, for which he will be the diocesan bishop.

He replaces Lord Rowan Williams after 10 years.

LIFE AND TIMES OF NEW ANGLICAN LEADER

- The new archbishop had a successful career in the oil industry.
- The father-of-five, 57, was educated at Eton and Trinity College Cambridge.
- The death of his seven-month-old daughter in a car crash in 1983 led to his life-changing decision to train to become an Anglican priest.
- In 2002 he became canon at Coventry Cathedral.
- After serving as Dean of Liverpool Cathedral, in November 2011 he became Bishop of Durham.
- He will become the 105th Archbishop of Canterbury
- Speaking ahead of MPs' vote on gay marriage this week, Justin Welby said he was standing by the Church of England's opposition.

A spokesperson for Canterbury Cathedral said next month's enthronement ceremony – due to be broadcast live on BBC2 – will be an "all-singing, all-dancing service".

They added: "The enthronement service itself is involving many hours of preparation and practice.

"The BBC will be busy in and around the cathedral from March 11 rigging cameras and cables for the live broadcast on March 21.

"The form of the service will be crafted by the Dean of Canterbury, the Very Revd Dr Robert Willis, in consultation with the new archbishop."

The spokesman said for many of the cathedral team, it will be their first enthronement, with the last being 10 years ago when Dr Rowan Williams was publically appointed.

"One of the special highlights of the enthronement will be the presence of the Canterbury Gospels, which are believed to have been brought to England by St Augustine in 597; they are now kept in the Parker Library at Corpus Christi College Cambridge and are taken out of the library only on very rare occasions."

The cathedral spokesperson said more details about the service, which is expected to host 2,000 people, will follow in the coming weeks.

The ceremony will be broadcast live at 2.30pm on Thursday, March 21.

HIS LEADING ROLE: Archbishop Welby

'No matter how long he goes on, this is no place for an airport'

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and Sheppey Gordon Henderson told this newspaper he had also been approached by Mr Moylan.

"I had a one-to-one informal chat with him just after Christmas – it's safe to say we agreed to disagree," he said.

"He put forward arguments for a Thames Estuary airport and I told him Boris Johnson was still bonkers for pushing the idea."

These discussions with Mr Moylan are likely to be just the tip of the iceberg, with meetings expected with other Kent MPs in the coming weeks and months.

Rochester and Strood MP Mark Reckless said he hadn't met with Mr Moylan, but had had a recent private discussion with Boris Johnson where he encouraged the mayor to ditch his "pie in the sky" airport plan.

Anti-airport campaigner Joan Darwell, from Friends of the North Kent Marshes, said they had "heard it all before".

"Boris Johnson is sending Daniel Moylan out with his spin," she said.

"He might think if he shouts loud enough and long enough people will listen, but they won't.

"We've heard it all before. No matter how long he goes on about this, we are confident the Davies Commission will find that this is no place for an airport.

"It was looked at in 2002, and found to be the wrong place.

"It would be concreting over globally important wetlands and communities.

"This would be no way for a British Government to behave."

Mr Moylan has worked with the London Mayor for two years trying to bring a new hub airport to the top of the political agenda.

A spokesman for the mayor said: "As the mayor's aviation adviser, Daniel regularly meets with a wide range of people who have an interest in the UK's aviation policy.

"The mayor believes strongly that what the country needs is a proper hub airport, with at least four runways and capable of operating round the clock without causing huge levels of disturbance to local populations.

"Heathrow is clearly incapable of becoming that airport and so we need a new one, which the mayor believes should be on the eastern side of London. He is keen to convince as many people as possible of that argument, to join the large and growing group who have already realised that this is the only realistic solution."

Mr Moylan has been tasked with leading Mr Johnson's aviation policy unit, which is looking at aviation capacity in the south east.

It was launched following the Government's unveiling of the independent Davies Commission, led by Sir Howard Davies, who will examine options for airport expansion.

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TECHNOLOGY

Boost for mobile broadband as 4G is set to roll-out across county's towns

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THE next generation of superfast mobile broadband will start to be rolled out across parts of Kent in the spring, it was confirmed this week.

And while many rural areas still struggle with regular broadband connections, news that 4G mobile broadband will spread later this year, could prove a solution.

Ashford, Maidstone, Tonbridge, Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells were all confirmed as the first Kent towns to benefit from the 4G service. Only 4G-enabled phones can benefit.

The service is currently only available via Everything Everywhere (EE), but other operators such as Three and O2 are poised to join in.

It is expected that once widespread take-up is secured, it will overtake the existing 3G network which covers most parts of the UK.

A spokesperson for EE was unable to give timings for other towns in Kent.

Download speeds with 4G will be at least five to seven times faster than existing 3G networks, which sparked the boom in smartphone use.

The 4G fibre broadband is typically 10 times faster in homes and offices.

Superfast 4G will allow users to instantly access the web while on the move on mobile phones, download email attachments quickly, make high-quality video calls and watch live TV on mobiles without buffering.

Other mobile networks have requested that regulator Ofcom allow them to run 4G services over airways they use for existing services.

The EE spokesperson said the 4G network will not only cover main towns, but also the suburban and rural areas that surround them.

Some areas of Kent currently suffer slow broadband speeds and Kent County Council is working with the Government to ensure sufficient speeds for everyone in the county by 2015; a scheme costing £43 million.

The 4G mobile service has already been rolled out in major cities across the UK when it first launched last year.

Olaf Swantee, chief executive officer at EE, said Kent's roll-out was a landmark day for businesses and consumers.

"We're investing £1.5 billion in our network to be the first company to offer mobile 4G in the UK, alongside the biggest 3G network," he said.

"Combined with our fibre broadband and revolutionary service model we have a pioneering and unique offer to customers across the UK – superfast speeds in the home, superfast speeds on the move and expert service on nearly every high street in Britain."

Chief executive of Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, Jo James, said broadband was an essential tool for businesses today.

"The more efficient the operation of that tool, the more efficiently the business concerned can function," she said.

"Although there may be many questions about the benefits of online activity, it is with us to stay, and it is essential all businesses have the facility to take full advantage of it, whether they are a town-based multi-national company or a sole trader working from home in a rural area.

"Communication is the essence of human interaction and the internet is the latest development in a process that probably began with little more than grunts and gesticulations; to expect some businesses to operate in our online society with the equivalent of grunts and gesticulations whilst others have the benefit of fluent speech is an absurdity.

"It is essential, then, that the speed and availability of broadband service is made universal as soon as possible. Any development in that direction is most welcome."

TEETHING PROBLEMS AS OPERATORS GET CONNECTED

ARRIVAL of 4G in the UK marketplace has so far been a hit-and-miss affair.

Launched in October 2012, to just 11 of our major cities, it offered much, but the service came at a premium cost.

EE was forced to reduce its tariffs, while the likes of Three announced this week it would not add a premium to the service for users.

O2 and Vodaphone are set to announce their price structures soon.

ENTERTAINMENT

Free entry to nightclub if you show a payslip plan comes under attack

A POPULAR nightclub has come in for criticism after it offered free entry on a special 'workers' night' on receipt of a payslip.

And for those who can prove they have a job, the drinks are cheap all night too.

But while the club insists it is just "harmless fun", one local politician described it as "discriminatory".

Onyx, on Folkestone seafront, unveiled the idea as a promotion for what is tradionally the quiet Monday night trade.

It insists Workers' Night is "tongue in cheek and harmless". Production of a payslip gets you free entry and drinks are then just £2.

Club-goers in favour of the idea say it helps to bring in customers on a traditionally slow night, so protecting staff jobs by increasing revenue.

But critics of the plan have said it makes the unemployed feel like second class citizens – especially as the area around the club has a high rate of residents receiving benefits.

Shepway Discrict Council's Lynne Beaumont, who represents the Liberal Democrats, said: "It doesn't seem right that if you have a job you get in for free – but if you don't you have to pay.

"That is discriminatory, in my view. If you are going to have a free night it should be free to everyone.

"I can see that it is a clever idea from a business point of view, but if it means ludicrous amounts of young people drunk in the streets on a Monday night then that is going to cause problems."

John Frayne heads the Folkestone Partnership against Crime and said Onyx is traditionally a responsible member of the group.

He said: "The club is very keen to exclude troublemakers and works alongside the police to tackle anything untoward.

"On this issue, I can see someone who is unemployed may be annoyed they have to pay while others are getting in free. But the club has to attract customers and while they may not be spending money on the door they will spend it while inside."

What do you think? Email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Carl Davies charges

TWO people on the island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean have been charged over the murder of former Royal Marine Carl Davies.

The ex-teacher, who worked in Sheppey and Sittingbourne, was found dead at the bottom of a ravine on the island in 2011. He was just 33.

The charges came after 10 people, aged between 16 and 30, were arrested. His death was originally believed to be an accident, but it emerged he had been beaten.

Forecast for snow

JUST when you started thinking ahead to spring, weather forecasters have warned we could be in for yet more snow this weekend.

The Met Office said a band of rain was likely to turn to snow as it swept across the south east on Sunday and Monday.

In some areas, up to 10cm of snowfall is predicted.

Keep in touch with www.kentnews.co.uk for all the latest news.

Gills intruder court date

A TEENAGER will appear in court next month after a goalkeeper was attacked by a fan during a televised Gillingham League Two match this week.

The 17-year-old from Rochester was charged with common assult and under section four of the Football Offences Act following the incident during the game between Gillingham and Wycombe Wanderers at the Gills' Priestfield stadium.

He has been bailed and will appear before Medway Magistrates Court on March 12.

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POLITICS

Gay marriage bill splits Kent's Tory MPs as nine vote against Cameron

HOW KENT TORIES VOTED

FOR:
Greg Clark (Tunbridge Wells, pictured)
Damian Collins (Folkestone and Hythe)
Tracey Crouch (Chatham and Aylesford)
Helen Grant (Maidstone)
Damian Green (Ashford)
Mark Reckless (Rochester and Strood)
Hugh Robertson (Faversham and Mid Kent)
Laura Sandys (Thanet South, pictured)

AGAINST:
Julian Brazier (Canterbury and Whitstable)
Charlie Elphicke (Dover and Deal)
Michael Fallon (Sevenoaks)
Sir Roger Gale (Thanet North, pictured)
Rehman Chishti (Gillingham and Rainham)
Gareth Johnson (Dartford)
Gordon Henderson (Sittingbourne and Sheppey)
Adam Holloway (Gravesham)
Sir John Stanley (Tunbridge and Malling)

WHAT IS 'SAME SEX' BILL?

There is little difference between civil partnerships and civil marriages in terms of the law.

The main change is allowing same-sex couples to be married rather than have a relationship defined by legal terms.

Campaigners say this is an essential change in terms of equality.

The proposed marriage (same sex) bill will allow gay couples to have a civil marriage ceremony.

Religious organisations can opt-in to marrying same-sex couples, but the Church of England, which opposes the bill, is banned from carrying out such marriages to protect it from any legal claims.

No religious organisations can be forced to carry out gay marriages.

Couples in civil partnerships can convert their relationship to a marriage if they want.

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MORE than half of Kent's MPs rebelled in the Prime Minister's historic gay marriage vote amid fears of a deepening divide within the Conservative Party.

Nine of the county's parliamentarians voted against the bill, which looks to enable same-sex couples to have a civil marriage instead of the current civil partnership.

While David Cameron was victorious in his battle by a margin of 400 votes to 175, it came at the cost of a huge split among his party, with 139 Tories voting against and 30 abstaining.

Thanet North MP Sir Roger Gale, who voted against gay marriage, sparked a social media storm after wading into the debate with many suggesting he had compared gay marriage to incest.

The thrice-married Tory, however, reacted furiously, stating his comments had been misunderstood.

"What I was saying is there should be one law for everyone, including siblings, so they have equal legal and property rights when one of them dies," he told this newspaper.

"In the House of Commons' debate, I proposed that civil marriage and civil partnerships be abolished and a civil union bill introduced which would include siblings, who are currently hit by inheritance tax on property, unlike people in a civil partnership.

"This was not about incest, but to do with the legal rights of those who are at the moment excluded under the Civil Partnerships Act."

He added: "A civil union bill would leave marriage, as historically understood and defined as between one man and one woman, to faith groups and would afford the 'equality' that the Government claims to seek to achieve, to all."

See the opinion page for more from Sir Roger.

Other Tories voting against included Dartford MP Gareth Johnson.

He said he had received 300 letters from constituents, but less than 20 supporting change.

"Marriage is an imperfect institution, but one that has stood the test of time for thousands of years," he said.

"I am a strong supporter of civil partnerships as it is right gay couples should be able to have all the legal protections that straight couples have, but I believe marriage is the union between a man and a woman.

"The great danger in this debate is that those who oppose gay marriage are accused somehow of being homophobic, when that is not the case.

"The proposals would result in civil partnerships and marriage being available for gay people, but marriage alone for straight people.

"Therefore this is not about creating equality, it will in fact create more disparity.

"For me this issue is not about holding back any section of the community; it is about recognising the definition of marriage should not change."

But while nine Kent MPs defied the Prime Minister, eight backed the bill.

Thanet South MP Laura Sandys said it would allow same sex couples to have a civil wedding in registry offices, while protecting religious organisations from any obligation to conduct gay marriages.

She said: "Marriage is a positive institution that encourages societal stability and reflects personal commitments. By extending it to same sex couples I believe we are ensuring the benefits of this great institution are available to all."

She added: "The right of churches to determine how marriage will be defined in their church is not being changed."

UNITED?: Gay marriage vote has divided Tories

NEWS IN BRIEF

Landlord election fix

A LANDLORD has been found guilty of forging the signatures of his tenants to try and win an election in Ashford.

Turkish Cengizhan Cerit, 47, tried to rig the election in Beaver ward, in November 2011.

Cerit, who owned more than 60 properties in the town, delivered 200 postal vote applications containing false or forged signatures to Ashford Borough Council. Had they not been spotted, he would have won the seat.

Betting on reform

MEDWAY Council is inviting owners of local licensed gaming premises to help draw up a voluntary code on gambling in a bid to crackdown on fixed odds betting terminals - dubbed the 'crack cocaine' of gambling.

The machines are installed in bookmakers and allow users to potentially spend thousands in the space of an hour. Following a meeting with the Gambling Commission, council leaders will now look to draw up new local restrictions.

Jobs boost on Sheppey

A £30 million regeneration project on Sheppey could create another 150 jobs.

A new Morrisons supermarket at Neats Court, Queenborough, is currently under construction and developer LXB Retail Properties has put forward new plans for phase two of the scheme which includes further retail outlets and restaurants. The council will consider the plans in April.

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CONSERVATION

Tiger twins are fiercely cute as they take a bow at animal park

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ENDANGERED: Cubs Kazimir and Arina were hand-reared at home after being rejected by their mother at two days old

TWO extremely rare Siberian tiger cubs met the public for the first time this week at Howletts Wild Animal Park near Canterbury.

The five-month-old siblings were introduced to their enclosure and more than a few cameras having been hand-reared at home by keeper Ben Warren.

Male cub Kazimir and female Arina were rejected by their mother after being born at the Aspinall Foundation's sister park Port Lympne, near Hythe.

Head of the large carnivore section, Mr Warren, said: "These cute cubs had a hard start in life, as their mum left them. We made the decision to hand-raise them so that they would get the nutrition and care they needed.

"I got them at two days old. It's not instinctive for them to suckle from a bottle so you have to teach them in human ways. It took a bit of time and for the first few days I had about two hours' sleep. After that they started to suckle and I fed them every two hours for about two months before it got easier; every three then four hours.

"Even now they still do four feeds a day but they are on meat so that is a lot easier."

There are believed to be only 400 Siberian, or Amur, tigers left in the wild so it is important for this pair to do well.

Mr Warren said: "I was taking them home with me everyday. I had them at work with me, obviously, and we shared a car journey home before they spent the night at my house, as well as on my days off.

"They have only been in this enclosure for three days now, up until then she has been sleeping on my bed. They cuddled up with me at night. They're very good, very gentle, just like a dog really. I love it. This is the best job in the world."

The boisterous brother and sister responded well to the care of their human parents, however Arina showed signs early on of lack of bone mass, causing her to walk with a limp.

Neil Spooner, animal director, explained: "We noticed that Arina was not developing as quickly as her brother and it became evident that she was suffering from a lack of calcification of her limbs. She has already undergone surgery to correct the limp, which has been partially successful – however we will have to wait for her bones to develop further before we can look at pinning the leg to fully correct it."

Siberian tigers have been pushed to the edge of extinction and remain on the endangered species red list as they are often hunted for their striking coats and a strong, misguided , belief that their bones and teeth have medicinal properties.

BUSINESS

HMV stores look set to survive fall of the axe

THE vast majority of HMV stores across the county look set to be safe, at least for now, after administrators Deloitte announced 66 additional closures this week.

HMV entered administration in January and has 220 outlets across the UK.

But while outlets in Westwood Cross, Bluewater, Tunbridge Wells, Canterbury, Maidstone and Ashford survive, stores in Orpington and Bexleyheath will shut.

CRASH

Chaos on the roads

MOTORISTS faced severe delays in and around Dymchurch on Thursday morning after a smash between a car and a lorry.

The A259 Hythe Road was closed and there was queuing traffic in both directions at the New Beach Holiday Centre.

The problems lasted throughout the rush hour.

COMMENT

In pursuit of the youth voice

Kent Police and Crime Commissioner **Ann Barnes** is following up on one of her election promises by looking for an enthusiastic, hard worker to join her team and promote the policing needs of the county's young people

I'M delighted to be able to share, in this week's column, the launch of my Youth Police and Crime Commissioner post. This is a golden opportunity for a young person to get a foot on the career ladder and learn about the complex world of policing and public safety.

The youth commissioner idea was actually part of my election campaign and I vowed to have someone in place by Easter. I was absolutely determined to progress this as soon as possible and here we are.

I want our new Youth and Crime Commissioner out there talking to young people and bridging the gap with the police service.

It's also true that young people in general are a 'high risk' group in terms of becoming a victim of crime. Young people are a hard to reach group and my youth commissioner will act as that important link.

I'm really keen for the successful individual to spend a third of their time learning and training and the post will be part-funded through my own salary. I'm completely open-minded as to who it is. From someone who has had a brush with the law, is unemployed or is a college or school-leaver.

I believe it will be a very interesting role in a dynamic and fast-paced office. The youth commissioner will have to get to grips with how the public sector works, shadowing those in media, policy, finance and working closely with me going out and about as part of my community engagement trips throughout Kent, making sure we represent the whole of the county.

It's a one-year paid internship and my idea is that during my term of office – that covers the next three and a half years – I will be giving three young people the chance to be my youth commissioner.

I will recruit a new youth commissioner every year to join my team and provide them with vast knowledge and skills on which to build a career.

The individual will have to be determined, articulate, dynamic, and a hard worker. I like people who can really use their own initiative and make things happen. These are just some of the qualities I'm looking for, but most importantly they must be able to reach out to young people around the county.

Around 26 per cent of Kent's population is young people and I'm looking for someone between 16 and 25 years old, as I don't know what these people are thinking, and I really need someone in my team who understands young people and their policing needs. So let's give our young people a voice.

To find out more about the role and how to apply visit www.kent-pcc.gov.uk or call the Office of the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner on 01622 677055 to request an application pack. You can also sign up to my Twitter account @AnnBarnesKPCC.

Best wishes,
Ann

your Kent Police and Crime Commissioner

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EVENT

Winehouse mum expected at Dickens World tribute to Amy

By Nick Ames
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THE mother of late singing legend Amy Winehouse is set to be among the audience for a special tribute event staged in the county next week.

Medway tourist attraction Dickens World is hosting an Amy Winehouse Tribute Night next weekend, and will feature top imitator Laura Jane Butler performing the hits made famous by the critically acclaimed singer such as Rehab, Valerie and Back to Black.

Ms Winehouse died from alcohol poisoning in July 2011. She was just 27.

A donation of £5 from each ticket sold for the event will go directly to the Amy Winehouse Foundation, set up in her memory by Amy's parents.

Mitch Winehouse, Amy's father, said: "The Amy Winehouse Foundation (AWF) works to prevent the effects of drug and alcohol misuse on young people. We also aim to support, inform and inspire vulnerable and disadvantaged young people to help them reach their full potential."

It is hoped Janis Winehouse, who was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS) more than 30 years ago, could be at the show as she loves to hear her daughter's songs performed.

Laura Jane Butler has been called the UK's 'leading and best' Amy Winehouse tribute act, reflecting the soul star's unique attitude, look and deep raspy voice.

The foundation has been full of praise for her saying: "Laura is one of the country's foremost Amy tribute artists, and ensures that she takes her AWF collection bucket to all of her gigs."

■ **The Amy Winehouse Tribute takes place on Saturday, February 16. The night includes a three-course meal. Tickets are £29.95 and can be purchased by calling the Dickens World box office on 01634 890421.**

ADDICTIVE LIFESTYLE LEAD TO TRAGIC DEATH

AMY Winehouse's flame flared brightly, but tragically shortly in a career where she hit remarakble highs and terrible lows.

Blessed with a rich singing voice which seemed at odds to her speaking voice and age, and a fashion style very much her own, Ms Winehouse emerged to huge critical, then commercial, acclaim with the albums Frank and the multi-million selling Back to Black.

While she reached the pinnacle of her profession, her private life was often troubled and she developed dangerous addictions to both drugs and drink.

These would ultimately lead to her tragic early death in July 2011, at her home in London, which sparked tributes from around the world.

NAVY

Warship for sale

HMS Chatham is one of four decommissioned Royal Navy warships up for sale. The other Type 22 frigates are currently moored in Portsmouth Harbour. The Navy is open to offers for the ship, which was decomissioned in 2011. The ships could be scrapped, recycled or reused.

FIRE

Station started

WORK has begun on the first new fire station to be built in Kent for 25 years. The station at Ash-cum-Ridley, near Sevenoaks, will be operational by the autumn. It is one of five new stations to be built across the county over the next five years.

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SPORT

Foundation pitches in as hopes rise that cricket revival is padding up

By Nick Ames
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THE evocative summer sound of leather on willow could once again be a regular feature of the school playing field as a project aims to halt years of decline in the number of youngsters playing the classic summer sport of cricket.

For centuries, the county has been synonymous with the sport and continues to have a host of flourishing village and town clubs.

But amid a wave of sold-off school playing fields and a sporting environment which is more than ever dominated by year-round football, cricket has seen a decline in the numbers of youngsters taking part and falling in love with it.

Now, however, hope is at hand a revival could be upon us.

Development agency Chance to Shine, run by the Cricket Foundation – a charitable trust fully endorsed by the game's national governing body, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) – wants to introduce as many children as possible to the sport and bring back traditional inter-school matches across the state sector.

In Kent last year, the board ran 15 projects which included 121 primary schools, 12 secondary schools and seven special schools.

NOT OUT: Merv Davey (right) of Ursuline College is positive about developing cricket for boys and girls

A recent £7.5 million National Lottery investment to the initiative is set to boost participation further, so this year there will be still more schools across the county taking part.

Other sessions are being run by the sport's county-level governing body, the Kent Cricket Board, which announced a £500,000 investment in state school cricket last month.

Clair Gould, director of operations, said: "We have seen an increase in the number of young players attending our clubs as a direct result of our coaching in schools. It has also helped to increase the profile of clubs and we will continue to forge stronger links with more local schools.

"With this additional support from the Cricket Foundation, plans are in place for an expanded programme to cover the next four years."

In recent years, school cricket has been largely played by independent schools, but Merv Davey, assistant head teacher at Thanet's Ursuline College which specialises in sports, is also optimistic about cricketing opportunities growing across the board, for both boys and girls.

"In recent years," he says, "cricket has been something of a two-tier sport. There have been opportunities in grammar and independent schools to play, but this has not been the case in comprehensives, high schools, or academies.

"Chance to Shine has a three-pronged strategy when it comes to developing the sport.

"The first is introducing young people to the game and this is done by indoor games where everyone bats and bowls and the fielders have the chance to throw themselves around to stop the ball. It's a fast and furious game and the best way to get people hooked at an early age.

"Then there is training pupils in sports leadership so they can help younger age groups.

"Finally, there is developing what is now called 'hard ball' cricket. In other words the game as it is traditionally played. This would include school versus school competitive fixtures and satellite clubs using school facilities. It is a fantastic opportunity – Kent has such a strong cricketing tradition so we really can develop it. Let's hope the county team eventually benefit."

Since 2005, Chance to Shine has brought cricket and its educational benefits to 6,591 state schools and has reached 1.8m children. The programme costs £5m a year to run, the equivalent of £15 per child, and in 2012 gave 350,000 boys and girls competitive cricket opportunities.

Lydia Greenway, of Kent County Cricket Club, is one of the scheme's ambassadors, along with star wicket-keeper Geraint Jones.

She said: "I went to a state school which didn't play cricket but I was lucky enough to be given the chance to play because of my Dad. But there are millions of youngsters out there who will never be given the opportunity and that is sad.

"What Chance to Shine has done is fantastic – the aim is just to get more people playing from an early age and encourage them to play at whatever level they are comfortable with."

Minister for Sport and Faversham and mid-Kent MP Hugh Robertson added: "Chance to Shine has and continues to be a tremendous success. It is one of the most successful grassroots sports initiatives in this country that many other sports can learn lessons from."

CHALLENGING

Cricket's decline has been put down to a number of key issues.

Not only did the sale of school playing fields reduce the capacity for cricket at many state schools, but increasing Government focus on delivering results in the classroom has had a negative knock-on effect.

The national obsession with football sees the sport now dominate year-round, while live Test cricket is almost exclusively confined to pay-TV platforms.

In addition, it has proved difficult to activate interest in attention-tight youngsters for a game where the full version plays out across five days.

However, there is hope. The Ashes continues to capture the nation and the huge popularity of the quick-fire 20-over version of the game has established itself as a crowd favourite – as big crowds for Kent games testify.

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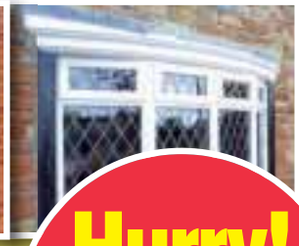

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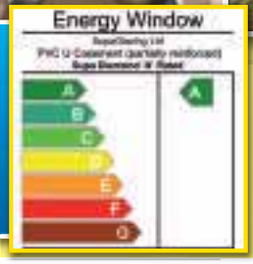

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ENTERTAINMENT

Park rolls out big guns in hunt for £2bn funding

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THE titanic task of raising the initial £30 million to build an ambitious multi-billion pound theme park with monster roller coasters and thrill rides, is under way.

But those involved in the scheme admit plans to go out to public consultation in the first few weeks of 2013 have been put on ice while it continues in the planning stages.

However, they say the response so far has been strong, and they remain confident the project will prove a huge success.

The dream is to build the huge 870-acre park on a former cement factory site at the Swanscombe peninsula, near Gravesend. It has secured a rights deal with movie studio Paramount which will allow it to theme rides and events around some of its biggest hits.

Paramount is behind the likes of Braveheart, Transformers, Mission: Impossible, and one of the biggest grossing films of all time, Titanic.

Some £2 billion needs to be raised for the work to be completed. Backers want to throw open the gates to a paying public by 2018. By which time, it is hoped some 27,000 new jobs would have been created.

PHASE ONE: An initial £30 million needs to be raised to get the project started

Since first being announced in October much of the time since has been courting investors.

Cement company Lafarge owns the land, and London Resort Company Holdings is pulling together investors and backers from around the world.

A spokesman for LRCH said: "It was the aspiration to commence public consultation by now but in actuality the project is still in the planning and preparation phases."

On board so far are development and investment company Development Securities plc, site owner Lafarge, and super scale construction company Brookfield Multiplex.

A spokesman for the project said everyone is working flat out to raise the first phase cash requirement of around £30m which will pay for feasibility studies and consultant reports.

Talks are also under way with the government to make the site an Enterprise Zone, which will attract more financial backing.

The developers want to make the park Europe's leading entertainment destination – bigger even than Disneyland Paris.

It will feature Europe's largest indoor water park, theatres, live music venues, attractions, cinemas, restaurants, event space and hotels.

The complex will be just minutes from the Ebbsfleet high speed station and just 17 minutes from London. Paris is two hours away.

Tony Sefton, project leader for London Resort Company Holdings, told this paper: "The big drive for us now is to secure further funding which will enable us to commence the next phase of the project, through to the submission of the first planning application later this year.

"Appetite from investors, from international banks to sovereign wealth funds and high net-worth individuals, has been very encouraging.

"We also have a healthy, on-going dialogue with Government and are in the process of exploring a new type of Enterprise Zone – an Entertainment Enterprise Zone – which would help accelerate the funding process. We have built a stellar development team around the project, all of whom share the same commitment to turning the vision into reality, in creating a world class entertainment destination to bring a myriad of economic and social benefits to Kent."

LRCH has taken on Chris Townsend as commercial director. He previously held the same position for the London 2012 Olympic Games, raising a huge sum for the highly successful event.

He said: "I am looking forward to capitalising on the encouraging appetite from investors to date, and showcasing the project to a wide range of national and international parties."

Mr Sefton added: "He is busy leading the investment drive, showcasing the scheme to a wide range of national and international parties.

"Having confirmed our partnership with Paramount Pictures, we are also in the process of negotiating on a number of further commercial agreements with third parties."

In just two years, a Paramount park is due to open in Spain featuring a Titanic Experience and rides based on Star Trek and War Of The Worlds.

The Swanscombe site straddles both Gravesham and Dartford councils, and a spokesman said they are putting together a crack team of experts to help navigate the planning permission minefield.

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CRIME

Bully jailed for 'frenzied and brutal' attack that left month-old baby fighting for his life

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A CRUEL 'bully' who subjected a one-month-old baby to a violent assault, was this week starting a jail term.

Nathan Rawling, 36, formerly of St Gregory's Crescent, Gravesend, was found guilty of causing grievous bodily harm with intent following a three-week trial at Maidstone Crown Court. He will serve 10 years behind bars.

The man left the baby with so many injuries and fractures he spent more than a month fighting for his life after a crime which shocked the community.

Rawling was arrested after the baby boy, who cannot be named, was rushed to Darent Valley Hospital in respiratory arrest on December 1, 2011. After examination, the infant was found to have multiple and life-threatening injuries, including 26 rib fractures, a fractured right arm and fractures to both collarbones, as well as numerous bruises.

As a result of the trauma to his chest, he suffered punctured lungs and had to be resuscitated as he was not breathing.

LOCKED UP: Nathan Rawling

Rawling claimed the small baby had stopped breathing and he had to perform CPR, which resulted in the injuries sustained, but officers and hospital staff doubted his story and he was arrested on suspicion of assault hours after arriving at the hospital.

The baby was transferred to Kings College Hospital in London, where he spent more than a month in a serious condition.

But after dedicated work by medical professionals, he made an excellent recovery and was released from hospital on January 3, 2012.

Senior investigating officer Detective Chief Inspector Andrew Pritchard of the Operational Public Protection Unit welcomed the verdict.

He said: "This was an extremely serious assault on an innocent baby boy. In my service I have not seen such extensive injuries on such a young child.

"It was a case that shocked the public and caused considerable community tension in Gravesend.

"The infant, who was just 31 days old, suffered incredible trauma, which arguably should have cost him his life or at the very least left him with long-term medical problems.

"However, thanks to the excellent work of the doctors and nurses at Darent Valley Hospital and Kings College Hospital, he not only survived the attack but is now doing well.

"Rawling is a bully who took out his anger in the most cowardly way possible when he assaulted this baby and it is satisfying to see that justice has been served.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank officers for their tireless investigation into this both tragic and disturbing case, and to praise medical staff who not only saved the infant's life but helped to convict his attacker through their evidence. Cases like this are incredibly traumatic and difficult for those working on them, and those involved were professional to the last, allowing us to gather the best possible evidence to put before the court.

"I would also like to acknowledge the Gravesend community who held vigils and sent hundreds of letters and well-wishes to the baby.

"I cannot overestimate the devastating impact this assault has had on the community and would like to thank them all for staying calm and keeping the focus on the child's recovery rather than his attacker."

Rawling will serve a minimum of five years in prison.

CONVICTION

Prosecutor Simon Ringrose, from the Crown Prosecution Service's south east complex casework unit, said: "The baby, who was only a month old, was subjected to what can only be described as a frenzied, brutal and repeated assault by Nathan Rawling, which left him with life-threatening injuries.

"It is down to the swift and expert intervention of the doctors and nurses at Darent Valley Hospital that he survived this attack.

"It is also thanks to the evidence of some of these medical professionals that the CPS was able to prove to the jury that these injuries could not have been inflicted accidentally, would have caused the baby acute distress and were intended to cause serious harm."

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TRY OUT: Young people aged eight to 18 are invited to audition for roles in Swan Lake with the English Youth Ballet when it comes to Canterbury

PERFORMANCE

Young dancers invited to adopt first position and audition for ballet

By Chris Britcher
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OPEN auditions take place on the hallowed stage of one of the county's biggest theatres this month, giving youngsters the chance to land a place in an upcoming English Youth Ballet production of Swan Lake.

Canterbury's Marlowe Theatre will stage the auditions on February 25 in the hunt for 100 youngsters aged from eight to 18 to appear when the show is in the city in August.

All dancers attending will take part in a 90-minute ballet class on the stage and their parents are invited to watch from the audience.

English Youth Ballet director Janet Lewis said: "The audition is just a taste of what is to come for the successful dancers.

"They are coached by, and then perform alongside, international principal artists in the corps de ballet or as soloists.

"English Youth Ballet's large cast ensures that each ballet is performed with the scale and grandeur which was originally intended."

Auditions are due to take place on Monday, February 25. On-stage times are 4.30pm for dancers aged eight to 11, and 6.45pm for those aged 12-18.

Miss Lewis said it is advisable to pre-register for the audition to avoid queues, although it is possible to register on the day.

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CRIME

Middle-age burglar

A MIDDLE-aged woman faces a prison sentence after pleading guilty to breaking into homes in Folkestone.

Linda Gorey, of Radnor Park Road, admitted burglary at properties in Bonsor Road and Watkin Road and asked for a third to be taken into consideration.

Gorey, 52, was found in the bedroom of a house by the 86-year-old homeowner. She will be sentenced on February 28.

DEATH

Teen jailed for crash

A TEENAGE boy who crashed his car, killing one of his best friends, just a week after passing his driving test, has been sentenced to six months in prison and banned from driving for four years.

Lewis Farlow, who is now 18, of The Maltings, Walmer, admitted causing the death of Josh Hibbert, 17, by careless driving. A court heard it was as a result of him showing off and that at the time of the crash he was trying to race to a junction to beat a lorry.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Oyster festival moves under umbrella of events company

By Chris Britcher
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AN EVENTS management company which has been involved in the likes of music and arts festival giants Glastonbury and Latitude has been handed the reins of the popular Whitstable Oyster Festival.

The Event Umbrella is based on an industrial estate on the outskirts of the seaside town and last year was drafted in to stabilise Canterbury music festival Lounge on the Farm after it fell foul of local authorities. Last summer's event ran without incident.

It emerged triumphant in securing the rights to stage the Whistable event after the management contract was put out to tender by Canterbury City Council.

The Event Umbrella will receive £30,000 to stage the event. A key process will be to raise thousands in sponsorship – all of which will be ploughed back into the staging of the annual festival which attracts thousands of visitors and cements the town's place on the tourist trail.

The move to outsource the organisation of the event comes following the decision by Mair Stratton to step down as festival director last year.

At the same time as announcing the deal, the city council also confirmed management for the Herne Bay Festival will be taken over by Same Sky – a south east arts organisation. It will receive £35,000 from city coffers to stage the event.

The council's executive member for culture, Simon Cook, said: "The standard of applications was extremely high and we were spoilt for choice. The level of interest was an indication of the profile and reputation that both the festivals have gained.

"The Event Umbrella was chosen for Whitstable because it has the skills and experience to take the festival to the next level, working with the already established Whitstable Oyster Festival Association. Same Sky will bring to Herne Bay a well earnt reputation for delivering outstanding public events, working with local artists and communities, across the south east.

"We are looking forward to working with both companies over the next few months and seeing them bring new energy into our summer festivals."

Managing director of the Event Umbrella, Gus Corcoran, said: "We are very excited to have been given this incredible opportunity to work on such a renowned event and are looking forward to the best Whitstable Oyster Festival yet."

Artistic director of Same Sky, John Varah, said: "We are looking forward to meeting the people of Herne Bay, and working with and for them to develop this wonderful event. It's a great location with a wealth of creativity and enthusiasm."

Dates have also been confirmed for both festivals in 2013. Whitstable Oyster Festival is from July 27 to August 2 and Herne Bay Festival from August 17 to 25.

HIGH POINT

Whitstable Oyster Festival is a hugely popular event, drawing in audiences from across the country.

Traditionally, it celebrates the oyster harvest upon which the town built its fortunes. The 'landing of the oysters' remains a key part of the start of the festival, with the shellfish paraded on a horse-drawn carriage through the town to be delivered to local suppliers.

Today it is as much about arts, crafts, food and drink – and is listed in etiquette guide Debretts as one of the high points of the year ahead.

EVENT: Crowds at the harbour during Whitstable Oyster Festival

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UTILITIES

Rise in water prices to wash away savings

By Chris Murphy
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SOUTHERN Water customers across the county will soon see money gushing from their bank accounts to pay for the second highest water and sewage bill increase in the country.

Bill payers in the UK can expect an average rise of 3.5 per cent this year.

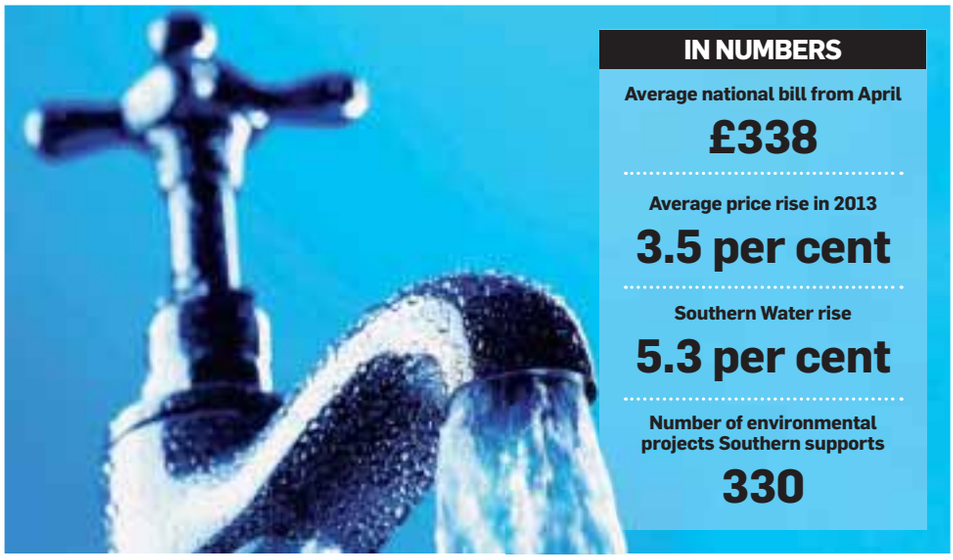
That's less than the previous increase of 5.7 per cent, but will still be a blow for cash-strapped families.

Industry watchdog Ofwat said the increase will mean the average bill nationwide will be £338 from April.

But in Kent, water and sewage provider Southern Water has the second largest rise in England. The highest is Thames at 5.5 per cent.

Southern Water said: "The average bill for both water and wastewater services has increased by £23 – approximately £1.90 per month – or 5.3 per cent compared with last year."

It says the money will go towards its £1.8 billion five-year capital improvement programme which started in 2010, explaining: "The programme includes the replacement of hundreds of kilometres of water mains and sewers, along with schemes to help prevent flooding, safeguard supplies, reduce leakage, improve water quality and enhance wastewater treatment."



IN NUMBERS

Average national bill from April
£338

Average price rise in 2013
3.5 per cent

Southern Water rise
5.3 per cent

Number of environmental projects Southern supports
330

Southern Water's chief customer officer, Darren Bentham, said: "The programme includes more than 330 environmental projects – that's more than any other water company and makes up a large part of our investment. These are in response to new European legislation and will have many environmental benefits. However, it's a fine balance – while charges must rise to meet the cost of our investment, we have a duty to customers to keep increases to a minimum."

At South East Water, which only provides water, the rise is three per cent, taking the average bill to £201. Last year's rise was 4.6 per cent.

It too is spending on an improvement programme which should be completed by 2015.

Customer services director Steve George said: "We believe an average cost for drinking water of just 55 pence per day remains excellent value, but we do appreciate that some of our customers may be experiencing financial difficulties and so we have measures in place to help."

Customers of Affinity South East, which was formerly part of the Veolia group, will see an increase of 3.1 per cent to an average of £203 for water only, about 56 pence per day.

It too is mid-way through a five-year programme costing £34.5 million, which includes the renewal and improvement of treatment plants, construction of new strategic mains and a rolling programme of mains renewal which minimises the risk of bursts.

Defending the rises, Ofwat chief executive Regina Finn said: "In 2009, companies wanted bills rises of 10 per cent above inflation. That didn't chime with what customers told us they wanted, so we said they could only increase bills in line with inflation.

"We understand there is huge pressure on households, and any rise is unwelcome. Inflation is driving these increases. We will make sure customers get value for money and if companies fall short in delivering investment promises, we will take action."

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KENT **REMEMBERED**

Commemorative trip to honour tragic sailors of doomed HMS Lightning

By Chris Britcher
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BETWEEN August and November 1943, HMS Lightning and her crew spent time in Chatham, as the Royal Navy destroyer underwent a refit.

At a time of war, the sight of great crafts being prepared for battle amid the steam, steel and sparks of the dockyard was nothing new.

Yet as it set sail for duty off the coast of north Africa, few would imagine that within four months it would be destroyed and lie in tatters on the sea bed – with more than 40 sailors left dead, and others leaping for their lives.

Originally commissioned in 1941 and built in the shipyards of the north east, she had been mostly used to escort convoys to and from British bases in the Mediterranean, including Gibraltar and the notorious convoys to Malta.

HMS Lightning even escorted Winston Churchill's ship as he travelled to talk with President Roosevelt in December 1941.

Her sad demise, therefore, continues to be felt.

Now there are plans afoot for a special commemorative journey to visit the area off the coast of Tunisia in which she sank – with organisers hoping relatives of the 45 men who lost their lives will join them in paying a special tribute on what will be its 70th anniversary.

Mike Scott of Upchurch-based Spirit of Remembrance, the local branch of the international organisation which specialises in remembrance tours, explains: "We have been approached by descendants of some of the 227 crew, in particular the 45 who died as Lightning was sunk, to arrange a tour.

SUNK: HMS Lightning was the victim of German torpedoes just months after undergoing a refit at Chatham dockyard

"We will provide the opportunity for relatives to visit the sight of the sinking to undertake an act of remembrance and commemoration."

HMS Lightning was sunk by German torpedoes after escorting troop and supply ships between Algiers and Bone in the day, and attacking enemy convoys at night.

Mr Scott adds: "Lightning was attacked at night so the men struggled in the dark, fighting for their lives in the waters which were covered in debris and oil as their ship and comrades went down."

Her last voyage had left Bone at 5.45pm. Her mission was to provide cover to two cruisers as part of an attack on a German convoy out of Sicily bound for Tunisia.

The Germans, however, got wind of the plans, and 12 torpedo bombers attacked Lightning at around 6.50pm. In the brutal gun fight which erupted, the ship shot down one of the attackers as it looked to protect itself and limit damage.

However, later that night, just moments after intercepting a German message warning of an impending attack, she was set upon by a host of torpedo boats.

Unable to swiftly strike back, Lightning was hit time and again in a savage attack.

The crew began to abandon the ship as it swiftly became apparent she was sinking.

The vast majority of the survivors were picked up by sister ship the HMS Loyal and returned to shore in the early hours of the following morning. The crew was then disbanded.

Adds Mr Scott: "Last August, we arranged a tour for a Phyllis Clemens to visit the site of the sinking of HMS Egret to pay her respects to her first husband who died with 196 fellow crewmen when the Egret was sunk in 1943. It was the first time that she had an opportunity to say goodbye properly.

"We want to arrange a tour to Lightning with the same aims as we have for relatives of the crew of HMS Egret."

Descendants of crew members and other interested parties are invited to contact Spirit of Remembrance to express an interest in the trip. Contact tours@spiritofremembrance.com or call 01420 475567 for more information.

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OPINION

Let's draw up a really fair law

Tory MP Sir Roger Gale hit the headlines for his comments during the gay marriage debate, but his proposals are perhaps wider reaching

THE same-sex marriage bill has been given, with the support of most of the Labour Party, most of the Liberal Democrats, and a minority of the Conservative Party, a second reading.

It now has to be subjected to pre-committee scrutiny, to a committee stage, a report stage and a third reading.

On the assumption the bill survives this process, it will then be sent the House of Lords where its future is far less certain.

It is at that point it will be possible to table serious amendments that may mitigate at least some of the most deleterious effects of the legislation and, perhaps, produce a bill rather more acceptable to a majority on the Government benches than the present dog's breakfast of ill-thought-through ideas.

In the House of Commons debate, I put forward a radical proposal that has been widely and, in some cases probably deliberately, misconstrued.

While reports that I have sought to compare gay marriage with incest are simply ludicrous and wholly without foundation, it is a fact there is a group of people who were quite deliberately excluded from the provisions of the Labour Government`s civil partnerships bill and that group does include siblings.

I have suggested, in place of the same-sex marriage bill, the abolition of the provision for civil marriage and of the civil partnerships act and the replacement of both with a civil union conducted by the registrar. A civil union would separate Church from a state that has no right or business to meddle in marriage and would leave marriage, clearly defined as a union between one man and one woman for life, as the prerogative of faith groups.

The civil union would make provision, in law, for all of those who do not wish to embark upon a religious marriage and would provide for the full and equivalent legal, property and other rights currently covered by civil proceedings.

It would be quintessentially 'equal' and would include siblings and others barred from the present civil partnership.

In this context, it is worth noting the provision for siblings has, since my speech, already aroused the interest of those, mainly elderly, brothers or sisters currently facing the loss of transferable benefits or even the loss of a home upon the death of one of two people as a result of the imposition of inheritance tax from which same-sex couples, but not siblings, are protected.

I am given permission to cite, as an example, two sisters, currently in their 60s, living in mid Kent. They have always shared a home. Through the premature loss of their parents they lived with an 'aunt' who developed Alzheimer's disease.

We need a bill more acceptable than the present dog's breakfast of ill-thought through ideas

One of the two ladies went out to work while the other stayed at home as a carer. They bought, jointly, a home. When the aunt died, the other sister resumed her career. They then received notification that, unlike a married couple or lesbians in a civil partnership, they could not inherit either SERPS or state pension rights This sibling relationship has lasted for more than 64 years; longer than most marriages.

If the Labour MP Chris Bryant is any authority then it would appear the homosexual lobby sees my proposal as a "wrecking amendment" and will no doubt oppose it. It also does not satisfy the PM's desire to deliver 'same sex marriage'.

It might, though, prove to be rather more acceptable to more people and introduce the real rather than the, at present, exclusive, equality those behind this legislation claim they wish to see.

KOS COMMENT

Politics behind the push for an estuary airport

JUST when you think everything has gone quiet in London Mayor Boris Johnson's bid to build a multi-billion pound airport in the Thames Estuary, we reveal that behind the scenes, his team are looking to work their propaganda on a number of Kent MPs in an effort to gain support.

But while the campaigners will no doubt be disappointed to hear of the cosy one-on-one talks taking place, they will take great heart that, as far as we can ascertain, our elected MPs are not for turning.

They know that the county will be changed forever by such ambitious development and that we must stand united and strong in protecting what we hold most dear.

4G roll-out is a surprise

OVER the years, the county has got used to being late when it comes to adopting new technology. There are, after all, still huge parts of the county which cannot get a good digital radio reception.

But news speedy mobile 4G is coming to parts of Kent before many areas is music to our ears.

Feedback

Letters/emails/twitter

Boats at Seasalter
by Rita Keatley, from Wincheap, Canterbury

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Abolish KCC gets my vote

I WOULD agree with Councillor Simon Cook that Kent County Council should be abolished and replaced by unitary authorities across Kent (KoS last week).

There are currently too many layers of local government, frequently duplicating roles, while confusing and costing the hard-pressed taxpayer lots of extra money.

Surely if we combined these councils more efficiency savings would arise, especially as KCC is losing so many of its powers in education as more academy schools spring up across the county.

Dr Alan Bullion, Tunbridge Wells

Marriage right for all sexes

AFTER reading the letter from Graham Wanstall (KoS last week), as a heterosexual man who has been married for more than 41 years, once again I feel obliged to write in support of gay marriage.

At the risk of repeating myself, I suggest to all those who seem so exercised by this proposal that they should not get so hooked up on a word.

The fact that 'marriage' has traditionally been the union of a man and a woman does not mean it can never change.

Language is a dynamic thing, evolving all the time.

Indeed, as I have said before, the word 'gay' is now not used in the same context as it was in the days of 'dashing gay blades', and probably never will be again.

It's a piece of 'spin' to suggest we are an intolerant country, when the majority of people are in favour of the change. It is the narrow-minded minority who are grabbing the headlines.

Such intolerance is displayed when people say that "God made Adam and Eve, he didn't make Adam and Steve".

Personally, I don't believe a god made any of us, but if he did, he made Adam and Steve – just the same as he made Adam and Eve.

Christopher Hudson-Gool, Maidstone

Mao is setting PM's agenda

CONGRATULATIONS to all those that have opposed me.

Another piece of anti-mobility legislation has now clicked into place with the news tens of billions of pounds are going to be spent on HS2 which will, as usual, need permanent subsidies from non-users.

The Department for Transport has announced new guidelines on setting speed limits, which has now stated that 20mph limits can be applied on major roads and, I quote: "cycle movements are an important consideration, and this outweighs the disadvantage of longer journey times for motorised traffic".

While the people of China emerge from a transport dark age and give mobility a real chance, comrade Cameron is trying to replicate the old communist cycling peasant regime of Mao Tse-tung.

Terry Hudson, Swalecliffe

Rink could be perfect link

I LIVE in Canterbury and feel east Kent would certainly benefit from an ice rink.

Perhaps not in one of the coastal towns, but central, where people would come from far and wide to use it.

Adriana Perera, Canterbury

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Hedley Grenfell-Banks, Hothfield

Seems doctor talks Bullion

I WAS amused to see the letter from Dr Alan Bullion (KoS 27/01) which was remarkably similar to a piece written by a Brussels-based freelance journalist associated with Lib Dem MEP Baroness (Sarah) Ludford.

That Britain has always stood and fought for its interests and principles in Europe is a point well made, but the limited success in this stand is left unmentioned.

Similarly, our role in driving the single market, which is rather less than complete, where it needs to be in the area of services which is particularly important to Britain.

The claim the EU has created 3.5 million jobs is new to me, and I would be interested in seeing the evidence.

More common is the claim that 3.5 million UK jobs are linked to the export of goods and services to the EU.

In fact, the UK runs a deficit with the rest of the EU, but a surplus with the rest of the world. Other EU member states would not wish to lose this trade, even if they were allowed to under world trade rules, and under Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty (the exit clause) a proper trade agreement would be part of the exit process.

Similarly the statement that the EU has made the average British household £3,300 better off per year is based on a UK government publication from February 2011, The UK and the Single Market, which actually claims "the single market may be responsible for income gains in the UK between two and six per cent, that is between £1,100 and £3,300 a year per British household".

It is interesting the word 'may' does not appear in Dr Bullion's presentation and the higher figure is presented as gospel.

As before, a proper trade agreement should leave us at the very least no worse off.

Marta Andreasen, MEP for South East England

EU pulling all GB's strings

YOU have to wonder at the motives of EU apologists (KoS 27/01).

On the one hand those like Dr Alan Bullion claim we have a voice in Europe; on the other they say we should submit to EU threats and blackmail and toe the party line. Like Ireland voting on the Lisbon Treaty until they got it 'right'.

They claim we are the driving force behind an institution that makes us pay millions supporting terrorists, criminals and unwanted immigrants and their families because of their human rights, while we can't afford proper cancer treatment or care for our elderly etc.

The only 'prosperity' it's brought is to the failed politicians who've become millionaires thanks to EU largesse.

Phil Granger, West Malling

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THE INTERVIEW

Chas Hodges

Back on the road... pleasin' you

Chas & Dave are returning to the stage, as **Joe Bill** discovers

AS synonymous with Englishness as a cup of tea and terrible weather, original 'rockney' musicians Chas & Dave have come out of temporary retirement to treat the nation.

The London duo stepped out of the spotlight when guitars man Dave Peacock took a break following the death of his wife Sue in 2009, but with their toe-tapping, sing-along classics at the ready, the talented pair will tour the UK once more, with no fewer than four dates booked in their beloved Kent.

Pianist, banjoist, guitarist and vocalist Chas Hodges is itching to get back on stage with his mate. He even sang (to the accompaniment of his guitar) the classic Ain't No Pleasin' You to me during this interview.

"I'm always playing – it's my life. I've got my guitars and piano lid open right in front of me. Whether I earned a living out of it or not, I would always play," he said.

A BBC documentary on the Chas & Dave hit-machine suggested that the pair would not re-form and would be consigned to history books.

"As you know, life changes. When you lose somebody, you think you're never gonna feel any different to how you do at that moment.

"When Dave's wife died, he decided to pack up and I just left it to him. You never get over it, but as time goes on it can heal and you begin to see things you might want to do again. Dave fancied doing another tour and so here we are."

Before the cockney pair formed in 1972, Hodges had already had a successful career in music, playing with the likes of Jerry Lee Lewis and Mike Berry and the Outlaws, but it was with Peacock that he burst into the charts.

"Me and Dave got together in the 70s and our act was mainly cover versions of rock'n'roll songs, Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis and old stuff.

"So the first half of the show is going to be Chas & Dave from the 70s, all the bits we did in the pubs back then. The second half is going to be the hits. So it's a life story of us, really."

Songs like Rabbit, Gertcha and The Sideboard Song were all inspired by mid-20th-century English life but none more so, of course, than the holiday anthem, Margate.

Featuring the county in their songs is not the only link Chas & Dave have with Kent: "My earliest memories were of Kent. We had moved to Bethersden, near Ashford. I was three and I remember it well. Coming from London, it was like heaven because I hadn't seen cows or sheep or open fields before. I still remember it vividly.

"Me and my wife go down there a lot. We love the area. Our old house is called White Hall Farm. We always drive past and have a look."

With a career spanning 40 years, it is no surprise the pair have clocked up both hits and miles on the tour bus – or that Hodges gets itchy feet when not performing.

"Dave loves doing the odd tour, but he doesn't like gigging all the time – he has other interests. But I live for being on the road – that don't mean living out of a suitcase, but I do two or three a week. I feel alive when I'm gigging."

The journey has taken the duo into the sporting world, penning theme songs for Hodges's beloved Tottenham Hotspur Football Club as they reached several cup finals during the 70s, 80s and 90s. It's something that he would do proudly again... should, of course, Tottenham ever get to another final.

The pair's ability to create catchy tunes has led to others in the sports world reaching out for inspiration. And 25 years after the release of their song Snooker Loopy, Hodges teamed up with sports promoter Barry Hearn once more.

"I've done a record for Barry Hearn. To cut a long story short, I've released a song about darts: I've Got My Ticket To The Darts. I'll give it a plug now because when you download it all the money goes to the Haven House Children's Hospice. So I'll be doing that on the tour and hopefully it will get a few bob for the charity."

He remains prolific and is working on another solo album to be released later this month: "It's a tribute to all the people I've made music with over the years."

Now living in Stevenage, Hertfordshire, Hodges is looking forward to his return to Kent, with shows in Chatham, Tunbridge Wells, Margate and Dartford: "Wherever we play, we get a good reaction – but particularly in Kent. We get a good gig when we play Dartford."

HE'S COMING ALIVE: Chas Hodges is looking forward to the duo's four Kent dates in spring

He has played solo at the Tap'n'Tin in Chatham: "Pete Doherty played there with me. We want to play that again – it's a great club with a great atmosphere."

Other contemporary musicians who wax lyrical about Chas & Dave include Jools Holland and Phill Jupitus.

They are a British institution, but in his typically down-to-earth manner Hodges sums it all up in one sentence: "I can see people enjoying it and I'm enjoying it. It's not a hardship. People say to me 'You workin' tonight?' I don't work – I play the piano and I mean it when I say 'This is not work for me'."

■ **Chas & Dave will play The Orchard Theatre, Dartford, on Thursday, April 18 (phone 01322 220000), The Central Theatre, Chatham, on Friday, April 26, (01634 338338), The Winter Gardens, Margate, on Friday, May 10 (01843 296111) and the Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, on Monday, May 13 (01892 530613).**

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RESTAURANT **REVIEW**

CHANGING the perception of a restaurant can be a tricky business, but when the task is done it can be the catalyst for a new lease of life.

Chives at Broome Park on the outskirts of Canterbury is one eatery that has such a new zest about it and is itching to tell everyone, even boasting its own seven-course tasting menu.

Set in the mansion house formerly owned by Lord Kitchener, guests can gather in the spectacular lounge area, sip drinks and choose their courses on sofas in front of the warm fire. Like a scene from Downton Abbey, you are shown through to the picturesque restaurant area in time to start your meal.

The weekend menu offers three courses and a coffee for a reasonable £35 per person.

As an appetiser, we went for a medley of succulent olives, crumbly feta and sun-dried tomatoes, along with breads for the table.

With a bit of Broome Park history and some information about the ingredients used at Chives from our host, the starters arrived.

Seared scallops, which were cooked beautifully, were served with battered cauliflower beignets on fennel, pine-nuts and mustard aioli. The presentation of the dish was impressive and the ingredients worked well together. My guest chose

the soup of the day – a rich, creamy mix of potato and cauliflower that was simple but delicious, if a little dear at the individual price of £9.

I followed up with pistachio-crusted lamb on pea purée, ravioli with sherry sauce and minted yoghurt. Again the dish was spectacular in appearance and the flavours traditional but with an injection of invention. However, next time I would like to try the lamb on its own to get the fullness of flavour.

My guest chose a succulent and superbly-cooked chicken breast filled with a spinach-and-leek-stuffed crêpe, celeriac crush and spiced tomato jus.

Perfect portion sizes allowed us to eat dessert without discomfort. We almost went for the Chives on the Green option, where diners have a taste of each dessert. Instead we shared home-made profiteroles filled with ice-cream and topped with warm chocolate; it went down very easily. We also opted for a more adventurous vanilla panna cotta with crème brûlée and jelly of gin and tonic with cinammon tuile (savoury wafer biscuit). Again the dish was neatly presented, featuring little parcels on the plate. The clear jelly hosted a tiny piece of lime, while all three dessert sections were delicious.

Throughout the evening the service was attentive, friendly and knowledgeable. The atmosphere was as you would expect for a manor-house restaurant – well mannered and relaxing.

With drinks, the bill came to £94. We had three very good courses, with progressive food that made us want to return.

Don't be scared by the golf course or the gravel driveway – Chives is not just for hotel guests. As Lord Kitchener might say, 'They want you'.

Joe Bill

■ **Chives, Broome Park Golf and Country Club, Canterbury Road, Barham CT4 6QX (telephone 01227 832637)**

New head chef takes charge at Rocksalt

RENOWNED Folkestone restaurant Rocksalt has hired a new head chef.

Former Claridges top man Mark Sargeant took to social-networking site Twitter to introduce his venue's new head chef.

He said: "Excited to announce Simon Oakley as the new head chef of @Rocksalt_Kent and he started today! Follow him for news of new menus coming soon!"

Simon Oakley was previously head chef at the luxurious Hix Mayfair restaurant in Brown's Hotel, London. He also took to Twitter to express his delight at his new position.

He said: "Very excited! Starting my new adventure tomorrow!" Rocksalt opened in 2011.

Broadstairs springs another festival

DUE to the success of the autumn Broadstairs Food Festival, the seaside town is set to host a spring version of the event at Easter.

The food festival is in its fifth year and an established event in the Kent calendar, attracting more than 40,000 visitors each year.

The new Spring Food Fayre, which will run from Saturday, March 30, to Monday, April 1, will feature more than 50 stalls of the finest produce from the county.

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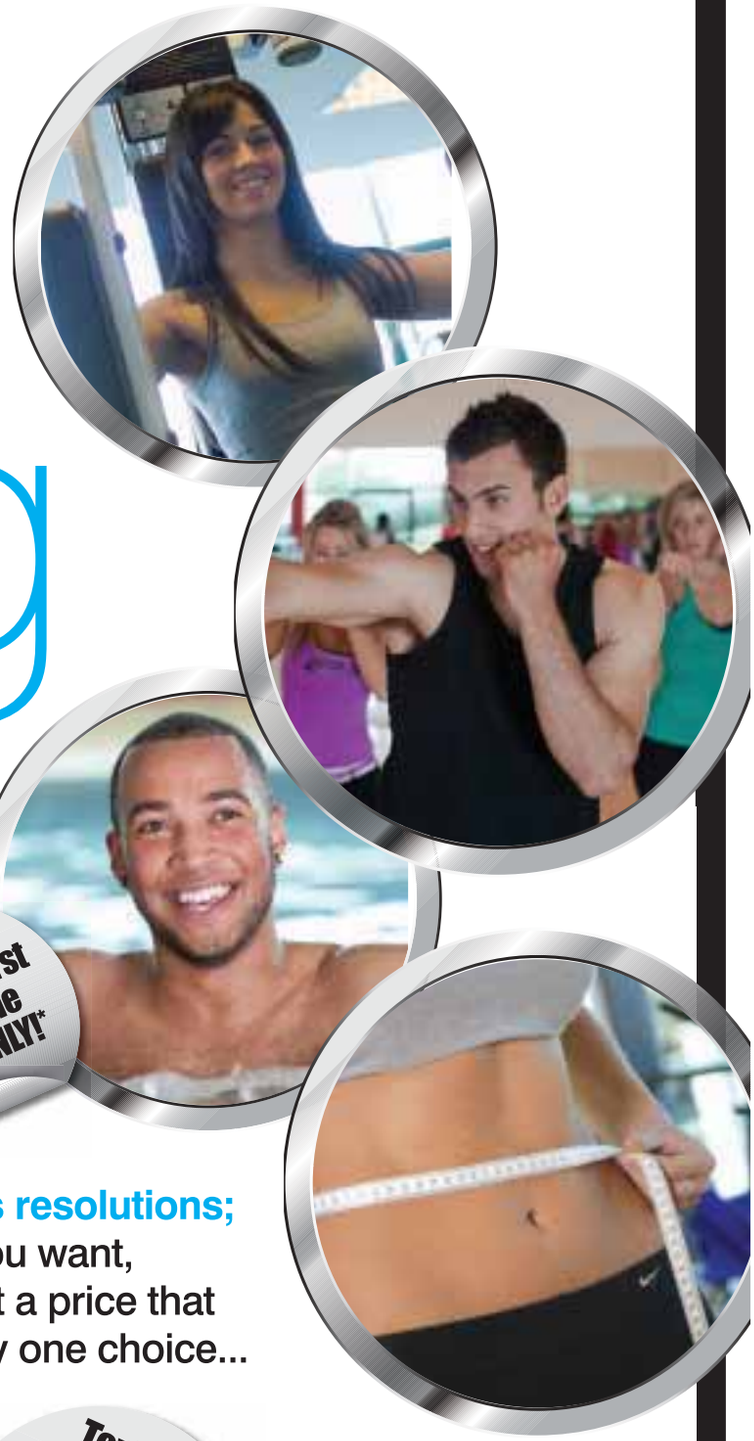

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Chocolatier takes a new direction with birth book

By Joe Bill
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DUBBED "the real-life Willy Wonka", chocolate expert Angus Kennedy is on the cusp of a new title – best-selling author.

But his new book, which has rocketed up the e-reader download charts, does not cover the subject that you might expect.

The head of the famous Kennedy's Confection magazine based in Paddock Wood, Kennedy was renowned throughout the chocolate industry as a master taster and the editor of the 120 year-old publication.

But in September 2011 an event in his life sparked the writer to pen The Kitchen Baby.

The father of five from West Farleigh, near Maidstone, said: "Writing has always been a passion of mine. I have written five novels previously, but I wanted to do a live diary for myself, about having a family and kids and stuff – it wasn't going to be for publication.

"In the middle of the night, my wife Sophie went into labour with our fifth child. Basically, the ambulance didn't come. We had called it and waited, but it started dawning on us that we weren't going to get any help."

Kennedy edited his family publication, which reaches 5,000 confectionary businesses worldwide, for more than 20 years, having taken over from his father. He was also considered one of the top chocolate-tasters in the world, with large confectionary organisations using his palate to try out their latest sweets.

At one point he was said to be trying some 200 new products a month before retiring due to health reasons.

But now the passion for writing has taken a very new direction, with his own family becoming the subject.

"It was a complicated birth – it wasn't very straightforward. The cord was around the baby's neck and because my wife had had a C-section previously it was considered too dangerous to have a home birth.

"So of course she got very scared when this all started happening."

The 47-year-old was told by the emergency-service phone-operators to stay on the phone to them while the birth was taking place.

"The four kids started coming down the stairs. My eldest daughter was holding hands with her mum and all the family was helping mum deliver the baby and it was an amazing experience.

"My wife was on the floor for two hours before the midwife eventually came.

"It's not a hero story – it's quite different. It's about how it was, rather than a 'what to do' book.

"I didn't know if the baby was going to live at one point, so I have just written what my feelings were. It tells the truth and often magazines don't tell the truth.

TRUE LIFE: Angus Kennedy's book recounts the birth of his fifth child – surrounded by family in the kitchen

"They have a picture of a woman being perfectly happy and pregnant when what is really going on is that you are trying to stop your six-year-old running in the road on the way to school while you're vomiting morning sickness on the pavement."

When he recounted the story to a number of his friends, Kennedy was persuaded to start writing the tale as a book to be published. The Kitchen Baby was released on the internet for Kindle last week.

"It has just started clicking how much e-books are taking off. My book went up to eight in the fertility section within 24 hours. It's been unbelievable. Then it went up to the top 50 in the motherhood section out of thousands of books – it's just rocketing at the moment.

"It's obviously still in the early stages, but it is starting to get interesting."

No easy answers to the slaughter, says Oddie

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IT is one of the environmental horror stories of our time and, as the grim toll keep mounting, there seems no end in sight to the slaughter of Africa's elephants and rhinos.

The subject is tackled in the play Snared, being performed at The Gulbenkian in Canterbury this month. Set in Zambia, it features an African hunter who has been trapped by his own snare. As if things weren't bad enough for him, he has been found by an angry conservationist with a gun. The hunter has to plead for his life.

Although the play's writer, Floyd Toulet, insists that Snared is a drama rather than simply a piece preaching conservation and he wants to "approach it from both sides", the presence of prominent conservationists Ian Redmond and Bill Oddie for a post-show discussion suggests that such a line is not going to go unrepresented.

WHO'S THE HUNTER NOW? The poacher must plead for his life

Oddie, certainly, is in no doubt. "Absolutely that's why I'm there!" he told Kent Weekend.

His love of wildlife could never be doubted, as anyone who saw him on BBC's Springwatch, for example, would testify. He is, however, not blind to the stark realities of a world that is arguably changing faster than ever before. Asked if he believed the poaching of rhinos and elephants for the horn and ivory trade could ever be stopped, he said: "Unfortunately, if I was to be totally, brutally honest, it won't.

"I saw David Attenborough at a supper and asked him if I was in trouble as I sometimes felt very negative about it all. He looked at me and said 'We all do that – but it's not going to do any good, is it!'. The implication was clear – all you can do is keep going.

"There are knowledgeable, trustworthy people who have right on their side – and we have to believe in them. There are so many issues, not least in this country. All the time you have to learn what works, what can work.

"Last year's opposition to the badger cull was a good example. What was really good was the way all the NGOs (Non-Governmental Organisations], all the animal-rights groups – everyone – were on the same side.

"People were discussing how best to deploy pressure and get as many signatures as possible.

"It was all the allies together, showing dignity, humour and eloquence."

Oddie admits he's not an expert on the "African situation", although he does know "various countries, some of the problems and some of the people".

"You're talking one degree wilder than being in Britain," he said. "People are poaching animals that themselves can be dangerous – it's a whole different game. These animals can run through your village and destroy it – I don't know how people in this country would deal with that."

There is one thing of which Oddie is sure in relation to the whole sorry tale of poaching in Africa, though, and that's the importance of effective control.

"For me," he said, "it has to be enforced by laws... legality and policing. It's no good just going on about education – it's not enough."

■ For the full interview with Bill Oddie, visit www.kentnews.co.uk/leisure.

■ Snared plays at The Gulbenkian, Canterbury, on Wednesday, February 13. Tickets to the play and discussion are priced at £10 (£9 concessions). Visit www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian or phone 01227 769075.

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Dali sculpture is the real deal at auction

By Joe Bill
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ANTIQUES expert and TV star Michael Hogben has opened a new auction house in Kent.

Known for his appearances on BBC's Bargain Hunt and David Dickinson's Real Deal, Hogben has set up the business in a converted railway station at Westenhanger, Hythe.

With 35 years' experience in fine art and auctioneering to his name, he will offer free valuations to customers as well as putting on under-the-hammer-style auctions every six weeks.

He said: "We opened in January and the building is now fully restored. We are trying to breathe new life into an old train-station building that has been empty for more than 40 years. It really lends it self to the interior auction sales we will be holding.

"There will be affordable, stylish and often unique art, furniture and modern and traditional works."

In his upcoming auction, on Sunday (February 8), there will be a couple of eye-opening lots, including a limited-edition Salvador Dali sculpture entitled Space Elephant. The bronze piece is one of only 35 to be made and came from a private collection.

Hogben said: "All our lots come from private collectors – often people who are downsizing or from deceased estates. There is some great stuff – take your pick."

There will also be a classic 1984 Lotus Elise car up for bidding, as well as silvers, medals and limited-edition oil-painting prints by LS Lowry and Kent artist Tracey Emin.

Phone 01303 813545 or visit www.westenhangerauctioneers.

TV PAIR: David Dickinson with Michael Hogben, right. Pictured left is Salvador Dali's Space Elephant

War and Peace show returns but at a new venue

HISTORY buffs can rejoice as the War and Peace Revival has announced it will return this year.

Moving from its former home at The Hop Farm, Paddock Wood, to Folkestone racecourse, the five-day military extravaganza is set to take place from Wednesday to Tuesday, July 17-23.

The main grandstand at the venue will provide spectacular views of battle re-enactments involving tanks and aircraft. As always, there will be static displays, vintage fashion shows and the songs, sounds and smells of wartime.

Living-history scenes will provide a unique picture of life during conflict, with exhibits including living in the trenches, American GIs in Vietnam, Russians relaxing with an accordion and Kent's Home Guard.

Described as "the greatest gathering of military vehicles on the planet", the show will feature its traditional gathering of battle vehicles from around the world.

Second World War veterans will have free entry to the show as usual and, in recognition of the 60th anniversary of the end of the Korean War and the 50th anniversary of the ending of National Service, veterans of these will also enter free.

There will be an exhibition of photographs depicting life during the war, the visit of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother to Deal, Kent land girls, Churchill and Montgomery visiting Dover and the Canterbury freedom marches.

Tickets are available now, with a 20 per cent discount until Monday, April 8. Tickets are £14.80 for adults, £13.20 for children and £48 for a family.

Visit www.thewarandpeacerevival.co.uk.

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Trinity Theatre, Tunbridge Wells
Monday, February 18, 7.30pm
Box office: 01892 678 678
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Sean Lock: The stand-up brings his new show Purple Van Man to Kent. The 8 Out of Ten Cats star is back to gags, opinion and silly voices... so what he does best, really. Tickets £17.50.

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Shipping 'worth more than aviation'

THE importance of the UK's maritime industry was stressed by P&O chief executive Helen Deeble at the annual dinner of the UK Chamber of Shipping.

She said it was one area of business in which the UK was of global importance.

"The latest Oxford Economics study for our industry shows that, in the midst of this recession , we have successfully created over 7,000 jobs. More than half a million jobs in this country are dependent on the maritime-services sector, so at a time of concern about job-creation we had better look after these jobs."

Deeble, above, then addressed shipping minister Stephen Hammond.

"I hope you will forgive me for pointing out that the latest figures prove that shipping is worth more to the economy than aviation and/or rail.

"We might not have the glamorous consumer adverts or the snazzy uniforms of the airline world, we might not get the column inches in the Press about rail fares – we just quietly and efficiently go about transporting 95 per cent of the UK's international trade, helping to keep Britain open for business."

Broadband on the conference agenda

A BUSINESS conference on the issue of broadband is scheduled to take place on Friday (February 15) at Kent Science Park, near Sittingbourne.

Gordon Henderson, MP for Sittingbourne and Sheppey, and Roger Gough from Kent County Council will be available to talk to local companies, with connectivity across Swale sure to be a main topic.

Henderson said: "I want to be able to offer businesses access to information, advice and guidance that can help their businesses to thrive.

"The state of broadband infrastructure and connectivity in Sittingbourne and Sheppey is an extremely pertinent topic."

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Warm welcome for Balls as he hears traders' concerns

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WAYS to kick-start the economy were put forward by Ed Balls, the Shadow Chancellor, when he visited Dover Innovation Centre, home to small and medium-sized businesses in the town.

Balls was accompanied by Clair Hawkins, the parliamentary candidate for Dover and Deal, for a tour and meeting, during which business-owners spoke about the challenges facing their companies in the current financial climate.

They were met by Roger and Cindy Greaves, owners of the community hub, and business people involved in recruitment, shipping, distribution and security work.

Fears over the gloomy state of the economy, problems with transport and lack of investment in capital projects were all on the agenda – along with the issue of accessing finance from banks that would allow businesses to grow.

Balls, who received a notably warm welcome, told the meeting: "I spent a couple of hours yesterday with around 20 Chamber of Commerce presidents and they were saying how the economy is flat, confidence is low and late paying of bills is a problem, as is accessing credit."

One businessman told the Shadow Chancellor that his relationship with his bank was at an all-time low.

"I tried to set up a meeting but was told they no longer met their customers face to face," he said. "Everything is just done over the phone."

EYES FORWARD: Ed Balls, left, during his visit to Dover with Labour candidate Clair Hawkins

Balls agreed that more should be done to make finances available and called on immediate Government action to stimulate economic growth.

His two primary suggestions concerned VAT. His first was for this to be cut back from 20 per cent to the level of two years ago at 17.5 per cent as a boost to consumer spending.

The second thing he put forward was for VAT to be cut to just 5 per cent for maintenance work on homes, roof repairs and general refurbishment in a bid to help small and medium-sized businesses that are in construction but not winning major contracts.

Balls was also firm in his commitment to the UK staying part of the EU.

"Better in than out [of Europe]," he said. "The idea that you can cut yourself off and trade off the same terms is just not practical."

While at the centre, he toured the premises of a company named Fancy Box, which provides packaging for products made by companies such as Gucci, Sony and Warner. The family-run firm employs 180 full-time workers and is the largest single occupant of the centre.

Chief executive Christopher Lawson showed Balls and Hawkins the production line and said he was pleased at the commitment shown by Labour to Europe.

"Frankly, I'm amazed to see Ed Balls here," he said. "But I'm impressed he has come down to Dover and he appears to understand the importance of the Eurozone, as much of our work involves exports."

After the meeting, Balls said: "Dover has a great community and businesses that can thrive.

"[Chancellor] George Osborne should come to Dover and meet the small businesses I met here at the Innovation Centre, listen to their concerns and change course.

"He should immediately action Labour's economic-growth plan and temporarily cut National Insurance for small businesses and use the sale of 4G [mobile phone rights to be auctioned by industry-regulator Ofcom] to build 100,000 new homes across the country."

'Instead of empty shops, we need to create a destination'

MEMBERS of Dover's business community told visiting Labour MP Ed Balls that the town had "massive potential" but was experiencing "massive frustration".

Lack of investment, boarded-up shops and uncertainty over the future of the port were all big issues they shared with the Shadow Chancellor and Labour parliamentary candidate Clair Hawkins.

The future of the Port of Dover was among the main concerns.

Privatisation plans were thrown out late last year and the proposal, backed by local Conservative MP Charlie Elphicke, for a 'people's port' is still on the table. But nothing has been decided, which has created a lack of confidence.

Representatives of the town's businesses said the port used to be a major local employer but many jobs had been contracted out, employees who remained had no idea what the future held and fears of overseas shareholders taking over its running – with no concern for local issues – were all pressing issues.

They also called for greater links between the town and the port.

"Cruise ships call here and people get on coaches to Canterbury," the meeting was told. "There is no link between the town and the port. In any case there is nothing there."

Balls pointed to the castle and the White Cliffs as potential tourist destinations, but the group said they were not easily accessible. They also emphasised the lack of shops.

"I live in Whitfield [on the edge of the town], but I shop in Canterbury, Folkestone or Broadstairs.

"I can't remember the last time I bothered to go into Dover," said one woman.

Hawkins said: "Businesses in Dover and Deal are crying out for more support from Government.

"The VAT increase, bank charges, lack of lending and transport costs are all hurting local companies. Government must act to deliver growth, help local businesses and unlock the amazing potential of our location and community.

"Instead of a town centre of empty shops, we need to create Destination Dover, where people visit and stay rather than pass through on their way to somewhere else."

Regenerate to unlock potential

ED Balls also visited Medway small businesses at Elm Court Village, near Hempstead Valley.

They said that there was a lack of support for small companies wanting to do business within Kent and also many were unable to access advice on such issues as PAYE.

Lending and lack of cashflow as larger companies delayed paying small creditors were also discussed, as was what can be done to regenerate high streets. Medway – like Dover – was seen as having great potential but needing regeneration.

Labour parliamentary candidate Tristan Osborne was part of the meeting. He said: "I spoke to many of the representatives and they were impressed that Ed Balls was willing to listen to them."

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Hotelier disputes bank bills for 'unnecessary loan protection'

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A KENT hotelier is claiming that his company was encouraged to take out unnecessary insurance packages by Barclays Bank, which then refused him the loan that the deals were meant to protect.

Daniel Sangiuseppe is director of family business Castlewood Hotels, which runs the Burlington in Folkestone, Abbots Barton in Canterbury and a further property in Eastbourne.

In 2007, before the financial crisis, the company was looking to expand and buy another hotel in Swindon. So it approached Barclays to obtain the necessary funds.

Sangiuseppe said: "On the back of the loan request, it was suggested we obtain borrowing protection on the debt.

"We had a coffee and a chat – it was all quite informal and we were told about the options. But then the pressure on us built up. We were told we would need protection in the event of interest base rates rising."

But what Castlewood did not realise was that if interest rates fell – which they did – it would be liable for the difference.

Nor did Sangiuseppe and his father, a partner in the business, realise that it would cost, at the latest calculation, £1.1 million to get out of the deals that are currently costing the company £50,000 each quarter.

"The first financial product we obtained was called a Structured Callable Swap and we followed that with another one, called a Digital Swap. We were told these would protect all our loans from Barclays as we had existing financial commitments with the bank. But our request for credit was refused, so we never got the money for expansion that we asked for."

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CLASH: These are trying times for hotelier Daniel Sangiuseppe, above. The Burlington Hotel in Folkestone, right

The family thought little about the Swap products they had bought, thinking that as the loan had been refused they would be rendered null and void.

The company was experiencing hardship as the recession took hold and refurbishment plans were scaled down and some redundancies made. So it was a hefty blow when a sum of about £50,000 was taken from its account to cover the Swap costs.

"We naturally contacted Barclays to ask how we could stop these payments," said Sangiuseppe. "When they were first negotiated, we had been informed a 'nominal sum' would cover this arrangement.

"When we asked how much that was, we were told £640,000 to break out of the Swaps. How is that a nominal sum?"

This figure has subsequently risen to £1.1 million, says Sangiuseppe.

A further blow came when Castlewood was informed by Barclays that it was within its rights to recall the loan it had already granted the hotel chain, which had been used for the Eastbourne property.

"Earlier, we had been told this would not happen, that the Swaps were not part of any existing deal we had with the bank," said Sangiuseppe.

He admits that study of the agreement backs the bank's stance, but he is angry over the way the deal was done.

"My father is of the old school who wants to build a relationship with a bank so we can go forward," he said.

"But the way this hard sell was done involved mounting pressure, no suggestion that we should get any other consultation and no explanation of what it truly entailed.

"The only offer the bank made us was that it would lend us the money to break the Swaps. That just rubbed salt into the wounds and the last valuation of the cost of such action was £1.1m."

Castlewood says it has twice requested that the payments be suspended but Barclays has refused on both occasions.

Recent findings from the Financial Services Authority have identified the products sold to the hotel chain as being in the category of "most complex" on the market and suitable only for multinationals and large PLCs rather than SMEs.

So far Castlewood has paid £780,000 for the two Swaps. The next two payments are due at the end of this month and the beginning of March.

"We have tried to do things by the book," said Sangiuseppe. "And we have contacted Barclays once again. If we receive no reply, we will stop the payments ourselves."

Contacted by Business Week, a spokesman for Barclays said: "Barclays has been very supportive of Castlewood Hotels, and our Business Support specialists have worked closely with the management to help them get through the difficult times following the recession.

"If the FSA's review finds that we did not uphold the highest of standards in the sale of an interest-rate Swap to any customer, we will gladly put it right."

• Barclays has increased its provisions to cover mis-selling by another billion pounds ahead of the bank's full-year results due on Tuesday (February 12).

It relates to mis-sold interest-rate products to small firms as well as personal insurance schemes.

Funds made available by Barclays to cover the mis-selling issue now total £3.45 billion.

'Payments should be suspended immediately'

MP Damian Collins is calling for an immediate suspension of all payments to banks on loans identified as mis-sold.

The Folkestone and Hythe representative said he saw no reason for companies to face more financial penalties.

"Castlewood Hotels is a classic example of a business which was sold a very complex financial product," he said.

"Businesses have lost millions over mis-sellings and I want to see the payment schemes suspended immediately.

"It is unfair that some companies are still paying out for products which were quite clearly mis-sold."

Banks ordered to compensate as nine in 10 insurance packages to SMEs are ruled to have been mis-sold

FOUR major banks will have to compensate small businesses that were mis-sold complex insurance deals, following an investigation by the Financial Services Authority.

The FSA says the big banks involved – Barclays, HSBC, Lloyds and the Royal Bank of Scotland – will now have to work out how much their customers lost.

Six further banks are being looked at by the FSA. These are Allied Irish Bank, Bank of Ireland, Clydesdale, Yorkshire and Co-operative banks and Santander UK.

They all joined the review voluntarily after the FSA began its investigation of the larger banks and results are due out Thursday (February 14).

A report said 90 per cent of deals sold to small and medium-sized-company customers broke at least one rule and some 40,000 "interest rate hedging products" had been sold to small businesses since 2001.

It is not yet clear how many businesses are likely to receive compensation, but lawyers say average claims could be as high as £300,000.

"It depends whether a business would have bought that product anyway," said Martin Wheatley, the incoming chief executive of the new Financial Conduct Authority, which will replace the FSA later this year.

The idea was to swap the variable interest rates on loans for fixed rates, so insuring the businesses if interest rates rose. But interest rates instead fell to record low levels – leaving many businesses paying high charges.

Treasury Financial Secretary Greg Clark, MP for Tunbridge Wells, said: "Small businesses should have been able to regard banks as long-standing partners and advisers. Instead, some were conned."

The banks have pointed out that should the reverse have happened – interest rates had gone up – their customers would have benefited.

The Federation of Small Businesses says the FSA move is correct but wants more to be done.

"With the pilot showing such a significant level of mis-selling, we are concerned the FSA has not mandated that all payments are suspended when a firm enters into the scheme," said John Walker, the FSB's national chairman.

For full compensation, customers will have to show that they would not have bought an IRHP had the sales rules not been broken.

If they would have bought a different kind of product from the one recommended, they might be offered partial compensation, depending on the losses they suffered.

But if the business suffered no loss, or if they would have bought the product anyway had it not been improperly sold to them, they will be offered no compensation.

The British Bankers' Association said that action would be taken. "Banks will be contacting those companies affected shortly, prioritising those with the greatest need," said BBA chief executive Anthony Browne.

Support and advice to gain redress

A PROCESS has been put in place that aims to help firms affected by the mis-selling of any products.

The Federation of Small Businesses made the move following the publication of the Financial Services Authority's pilot study showing that about 90 per cent of firms had been mis-sold complex financial products.

The FSB is looking to provide professional guidance and support through the process of accessing redress for its members. It wants to secure a speedy solution for members that have been affected and says it is keen to give support and advice to help thousands of small firms to navigate the FSA Scheme.

However, the FSB emphasised it would not be responsible for the legal process or the financial outcome, nor would it be directly involved in litigation.

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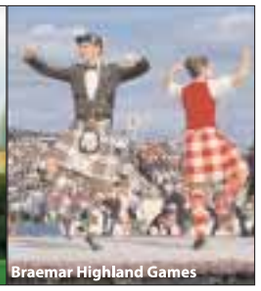
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Sluggish market given a boost by lending to first-time buyers

TWO reasons for optimism in the slow-moving housing market have been noted by analysts.

Firstly, property prices rose by the small figure of 0.5 per cent in January, but this increase follows two months of no movement.

And the Council of Mortgage Lenders has also noted an increase in lending to first-time buyers, which has the effect of allowing those who want to move up the property ladder to do so.

The average home value now stands at £162,245, according to the Nationwide house price index.

However, home values are still relatively flat compared with a year ago, when the average house value was just £17 lower.

Lenders and estate agents are more optimistic than in recent months and have predicted that the market will continue to slowly improve this year.

And the increase in first-time buyer activity comes amid slowly-emerging evidence that Government efforts to boost lending are having an effect.

SLIGHT BOOST: It may not be by much but property values have risen and lending rates show signs of improvement

The Bank of England reported that mortgage lending to home-buyers last month was at its highest for allmost a year.

Robert Gardner, Nationwide's chief economist, said: "There have been tentative signs of a pick-up in activity in recent months.

"The Funding for Lending scheme has achieved some success in bringing down mortgage rates, with signs of a pick-up in lending activity.

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RENAULT CLIO

Price: from £10,595
Driving appeal: not yet driven
Image: ★★★★★
Space: ★★★★★
Value: ★★★★
Running costs: ★★★★
Reliability: ★★★★
How green?: ★★★★★
Best rival: Peugeot 208

Renault waits for Clio pep-up

RENAULT'S fortunes tend to be closely related to the Clio supermini.

When the original arrived in 1990, largely replacing the once-dominant Renault 5, it helped the French marque put a lack-lustre 1980s way behind it. The model – now in its fourth generation – has been a barometer for Renault's fortunes ever since.

And the new car is set fair to settle things after a stormy couple of years for the brand, culminating in rationalisation of the UK line-up early in 2012.

The new Clio has a lighter and sportier touch this time; its predecessor looked like a fast-food 'go large' offering up against some supermini rivals, but Peugeot made the same mistake with its 207 – both brands had sought to make room for city cars in their line-ups.

In Renault's case, the move gave the Twingo some space, but the new baby didn't have the sales or profitability expected, so Renault returned to the old Clio formula. While fairly compact on-road, the new car is claimed to be roomy and practical inside,

However, it sells only as a five-door. Renault insists, with justification, that the car has five-door practicality with coupé style, aided by that now seemingly obligatory feature for racy hatchbacks – concealed rear door handles.

This is a double-edged sword: what's bad is that the fire-breathing Renaultsport variant won't be available in the classic three-door hot-hatch format when it eventually arrives – too late in my opinion, as the Clio still needs all the image it can muster to boost Renault.

What's good about that five-door practicality is that Renault doesn't see a need for an estate/tourer version – no loss, considering the image-crushing ugliness of the previous effort.

And while Renault's newly-launched budget brand Dacia aims to mop up demand for bargain superminis with its Sandero, the Clio has shifted upmarket with a higher-quality interior and new powertrain and weight-saving technology – all models are some 100 kilos lighter than the one they replace.

No rookie on the ecodiesel front, Renault is using the new Clio to up the ante on petrol power, too, with a new turbocharged three-cylinder 0.9-litre TCe 90 unit to attack Fiat's award-winning TwinAir engine – seen in the Fiat 500 and Panda – but there is also a new 1.5 dCi 90 diesel.

Both offer ECO-branded variants, with the petrol capable of 65.7mpg on the combined cycle and road-tax-free 99g/km CO_2 emissions. The diesel escapes the tax by more with 83g/km and a class-leading 88.3mpg (combined).

The new Clio line-up is priced from £10,595 to £16,095, with new models pitched between outgoing three- and five-door versions – the new Expression+ version, for instance, costs £230 less than a current five-door equivalent yet comes with more kit.

DRIVING SALES: The latest incarnation of the Renault Clio is set to give the French marque a much-needed boost, having returned to its roots as a true supermini; however, you'll have to wait a little longer for the sports model

DON'T LIKE

... the loss of the three-door version. It's been a popular move in the supermini sector, but Renaultsport hot-hatches won't seem the same.

NOT SURE

... the new Clio can carry the entire burden of a Renault resurgence. The French brand needs more winners if it is to restore its UK reputation.

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New A-Class takes luxury German top of the class

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MERCEDES-BENZ used to be a bit of a stick in the mud. However, the brand that regards itself as the senior member of the German motoring establishment has been teased badly by those innovative upstarts, BMW and Audi.

So there's a new and more open mindset at M-B these days: the first sign might have been when the latest C-Class was offered with a choice of traditional or coupé grille.

A small matter, perhaps, but evidence that the German giant was starting to listen to its market, while the latest and third-generation A-Class (from £18,945) is definite proof of a 'by popular demand' attitude.

Previous 'A' models followed a high-profile mini-MPV format, latterly overlapping the only slightly bigger B-Class and meaning both cars competed for similar customers.

With its new-found clear-headness, though, M-B has created an all-new and impressive B-Class for the mini-MPV clientele while transforming the newly-launched A-Class into an elegant low-slung front-wheel-drive five-door hatchback. And that's a clever move because this new entry model has a tough job to go up against rival brand recruiters chasing the same image-conscious mix of keen driving private buyers, small business types and young company-car user-choosers.

The latest Audi A3 is right up there, but Audi's obsession with evolution rather than revolution makes the latest A3 look suspiciously like its predecessors, and likewise the VW Golf, which also edges into this sector. But you would take both on styling against the latest BMW 1 Series, which looks as bad as the awkward first-generation car, even if it's a joy to drive.

So, on street presence alone, the new A-Class has the opposition beaten, and it's smart inside, too; picking on the cheap-looking dashboard vents seems churlish when everything is so well arranged. Rear legroom is not that generous, but headroom is good thanks to a high roof disguised by a coupé-style rear window line that fools the eye into believing the back is more raked than it actually is.

The boot has a low load sill, and 60/40 split rear seats aid practicality, though boot space is only average.

But the key thing is how much it stands out on-road for style and panache. Handling is a long way from the old A-Class – as it should be – and offers real cornering power with a flat stance.

The irony is that M-B, known for comfort, may have erred a little too much to the other extreme to please those who like to press on.

That said, the test car was the lively £27,170 A220 AMG Sport sporting diesel flagship (0-62mph in 8.2 seconds) with lowered sports suspension and 18-inch alloys. Some buyers could save cash and discomfort by aiming for a more standard version of the model. Keen drivers will like the general sportiness of A-Class models, though, aided and abetted on the test car by a slick seven-speed DCT automatic gearbox mated with the 2,143cc turbodiesel.

The shifts are seamless in fully auto, but you can also enjoy manual selection via the stick-shift or steering-wheel paddles, and I liked the engine for being mostly refined with a nice burble when pushed.

The car also impressed with an ability to eat up motorway miles quietly and smoothly and return 64.2mpg, according to the official combined cycle, with CO_2 emissions of just 115g/km. The aerodynamic styling helps.

Indeed, the economy and tax implications across this new A-Class line-up are good for both petrol and diesel models – M-B doesn't apply its BlueEfficiency eco branding lightly and a number of models are exempt from road tax.

MERCEDES-BENZ A220 CDI BLUEEFFICIENCY AMG SPORT: £27,170

ELEGANCE: Mercedes-Benz's latest A-Class has an on-street presence that outshines its German cousins while having the added bonus of being available in eco branding to save you from paying a lot of road tax

Driving appeal:	★★★★★
Image:	★★★★★
Space:	★★★★
Value:	★★★★
Running costs:	★★★★
Reliability:	★★★★
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Kia adds glam with new pair

KIA will use the Geneva Motor Show on Tuesday, March 5, for the global premiere of its most performance-focused production cars ever – the Ceed GT and three-door derivative Proceed GT.

This is just the glamour the Korean brand needs; both debutants feature distinctive LED daytime running lights, dual-exhaust pipes, Recaro seating, 18-inch alloy wheels and red brake calipers.

Zafira Tourer goes BiTurbo

VAUXHALL has created a hot yet practical flagship for its elegant Zafira Tourer with the powerful 2.0-litre 195PS (192bhp) BiTurbo diesel.

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Move fast on Swift deal

SUZUKI has launched a value edition of its classy supermini.

The Swift SZ-L (£10,599 three-door/£11,016 five-door) is based on the mid-grade SZ3, which comes with seven airbags, stability control, air-con and USB/Bluetooth connectivity, but the SZ-L adds rear spoiler, rear privacy glass, alloys, free metallic paint, cruise-control and interior highlights.

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DS allows Citroën to stretch customer appeal

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MAINSTREAM European car marques are under pressure from cut-price Far East rivals and most are trying to go upmarket in a bid to maintain profitability, even if they lose volume.

Using a typically unusual approach, Citroën has decided instead to sit tight in the value zone with its standard line-up but also create an upmarket sub-brand.

In doing so, the quirky French marque is uniquely placed, having often sold models to please both ends of the market – notably from 1955-75, when it manufactured both the budget 2CV and the luxurious DS car series, with its legendary smooth ride.

The DS initials returned three years ago, this time to denote a new upmarket line beginning with the DS3 – designed to attack the BMW Mini.

Some 200,000 DS3s have since been built – 43,000 sold in Britain alone – and followed by equally striking sister models, the DS4 and DS5.

And British consumers obviously like the whole DS concept, since 30 per cent of all Citroëns sold here last year were these upmarket variants.

That's now set to go higher this year with the launch of the DS3 Cabrio.

While a full-length electric roll-top roof like the Fiat 500C cabrio means it doesn't have the complete roof-down appeal of its obvious rival, the Mini Convertible, it is

perhaps a more usable open-top car with all the driving appeal of its hatchback sister plus class-leading five-seat cabin and boot space (245 litres). A clever bootlid mechanism means the boot can also be accessed in the tightest of spaces.

Unusually, the roof can be opened or retracted in 16 seconds and at up to 75mph – no need to pull up and get wet while waiting for the roof to close.

Citroën points out, too, that the decision not to hack the whole roof off and add lots of extra strengthening does mean that the cabrio's weight increases by just 25 kilos – a quarter of that typically added when manufacturers create a convertible from a hatchback. That should bring dividends on both the driving and economy front.

The cabin is of the high quality and design we now expect of the DS range and Citroën claims refinement is aided by the well-insulated convertible roof.

The Citroën DS3 Cabrio arrives shortly, but prices are yet to be confirmed.

CHOICES: Main picture, Citroën's latest upmarket offering, the DS3 Cabrio. Left, the DS4 offers mid-range luxury.

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A 'lucky 13' bonanza for new buyers

LOOKING GOOD: Deals on wheels launched during the past year include the Vauxhall Mokka, Peugeot 208, left, and the i30 by Hyundai, below

By Steve Loader
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FAR from being unlucky, trade experts say the arrival of the '13 reg on Friday, March 1, could herald a win-win period for car-buyers.

You could, of course, remark "Well they would say that, wouldn't they..."

On the other hand, motor-trade data analysts at CAP Automotive are known for hard-nosed impartiality, so we ought to take notice when they say franchised dealers are fretting about a price war breaking out even before the new reg arrives.

The problem is that EU car sales last year fell to their lowest point in 22 years, while the UK saw registrations rise last year by 5.3 per cent. This prompted accusations that manufacturers were reporting 'false' sales here as dealers 'pre-registered cars' to themselves to qualify for volume bonus payments.

But you can also see why the UK is such a good market for car-makers stuffed with stock. British consumers have benefited from historically low interest rates and increasingly competitive motor-finance deals, and CAP says the scene is set for more of the same in 2013.

Dealers still have a backlog of unsold cars – many registered towards the end of last year – meaning that something has to give when their suppliers start imposing aggressive sales targets for the next new registration.

If dealers don't hit those targets they don't get their all-important bonuses, so they will have to sacrifice profitability on individual sales.

That could mean discounting or generous offers on customer part-exchanges – that's the win-win for any buyer.

CAP spokesman Philip Nothard said: "Whichever way you look at it, motorists will emerge the winners in this year's challenging market.

"Franchise dealers will almost inevitably have to use serious incentives to keep up with new-car targets.

"This is going to be a tough year for manufacturers and their dealer networks, but their pain looks set to be the motorist's gain."

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BARGAIN HUNT: Citroën has moved upmarket with models like this DS5 Hybrid flagship, right, while the Suzuki Swift is recognised as one of the best superminis to drive, offering real value for money, above

Don't worry... it could be worse

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BRITAIN'S economy still lacks confidence, but demand for new cars is far healthier than on the Continent.

In fact, UK new-car registrations rose 5.3 per cent last year, the highest since 2008, and the largest percentage increase since 2001.

Perhaps encouraged by low finance rates and the fact that savers aren't getting much for their deposits at present, private demand outperformed the fleet sector with a 12.9 per cent rise in registrations.

However, the new-car market was still 14.9 per cent below where it was in 2007, before the recession hit.

The figures come from the motor-industry mouthpiece, the SMMT, where chief executive Paul Everitt said: "Boosted by strong consumer demand, the market grew at its fastest rate for 11 years with innovative, fuel-efficient cars keeping buyers in showrooms.

"Looking ahead to 2013, we anticipate the market will hold firm, with manufacturers and dealers working hard to deliver quality and value to motorists."

Part of the UK performance is also due to imaginative add-on deals such as service packages, inclusive insurance deals and keenly-priced PCPs (personal contract plans) or private lease deals.

There are also outstanding warranties available, such as Hyundai's five-year/unlimited-mileage deal.

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Dos and don'ts of buying a new car

DON'T accept the first deal on offer – be ready to haggle.

DON'T be afraid to ask for trimmings like a tank of fuel, car mats or further discounts or extras.

DON'T fall for what seems like a big bargain before you even haggle. It could be an unpopular engine or trim combination or a car on 'run-out' where production ceased a while ago – it might be just as thirsty as your old car and will depreciate badly.

DO pick a model that saves fuel, insurance, road tax and depreciation – it isn't getting any easier out there.

DON'T be blinded by road-tax-exempt but expensive eco models, though; check price, running costs, green credentials and the savings over your planned mileage versus years of ownership, then compare against the closest standard version. The savings to be made on the standard car may surprise you.

DON'T assume that diesel will save – you usually pay more up front, so you need to do a lot of miles to claw back that money in fuel economy. Also, the engines are generally heavier, which means more wear on front tyres and mechanicals. The fuel is also dearer at the pumps, while economy and emissions on small petrol cars have improved and they are often nicer to drive. In short – do your sums.

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STAR TURN: Toyota Prius – the most famous eco car in the world?

GROUNDBREAKING: Lexus 200h – the only compact executive hybrid model on the UK market

Saving the wallet ahead of the planet

By Steve Loader
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TOUGH times mean that 'eco' cars are bought to save the wallet or purse as much, if not more, as helping to save the planet.

Not only can such cars save huge fuel bills, with average consumption rates far better than might have been dreamed just 10 years ago, but they also save taxes.

Business users can gain from models with lower Benefit-in-Kind taxes, but any road-user can save with a car attracting a lower road tax or VED (Vehicle Excise Duty). The latest tax bandings range from zero for cars with the lowest CO_2 emissions (below 100g/km) right up to £475.

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Of course, anyone spending £50,000-£100,000 on a car won't fret about such small change, but most people like saving on fuel and tax while doing their bit for the environment.

Longer term, electric cars may be the answer and there has been much publicity about 'plug-in' models for overnight charging at home or city-centre charging points.

But battery technology must catch up and the zero-emissions argument for electric is misleading. Until we have zero-emission power stations, electric cars simply transfer the CO_2 and noxious gas output from exhaust pipe to belching chimney.

Hybrids, pairing electric power and batteries with an internal combustion engine, are a good halfway house, but you will pay more to buy one before the economic and ecological benefits can kick in

But then, conventional eco cars are not always cheap, either, so shop around and note that if you don't cover enough miles to make fuel savings offset the car's purchase price, conventional alternatives may be a better bet.

Don't ignore petrol models, either; the higher price of diesels and the fuel at the pumps must be compared with new small-capacity low-emission/consumption yet lively turbocharged petrol engines.

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DYNAMIC: Renault Megane Coupé GT – sporty yet practical; Vauxhall Astra is a family hatchback star

Market driven by the small-minded

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DOWNSIZING is the watchword of new-car buyers as they aim for better economy and tax savings.

This has caused the once-dominant family saloon/company-car sector of 20 years ago to be elbowed aside, first by the family hatchback and now the supermini.

Soaring fuel and insurance costs and greater environmental awareness have been key factors, but Government pressure through punitive road tax on larger cars, plus ever-more stylish superminis, has delivered a combined 40 per cent market share to this type and the even smaller city-car segment. Family hatchbacks are still the number two choice, though, with about 25 per cent of registrations.

However, it might not be long before family hatchbacks are under threat, too, from the new kid on the block, the crossover.

As the name implies, this straddles several sectors by being part family hatch, part MPV (multi-purpose vehicle) or people-carrier, and part SUV (Sports Utility Vehicle) – cars like the Nissan Qashqai, Hyundai ix35 and Kia Sportage.

In the meantime, the 2012 top 10 car models registered and their numbers, according to motor-industry mouthpiece SMMT, show how superminis (S) and family hatchbacks (H) still rule the market.

2012 TOP 10 CAR MODELS REGISTERED

	Model	Amount		Model	Amount
1)	Ford Fiesta	109,265(S)	6)	Nissan Qashqai	45,675
2)	Vauxhall Corsa	89,434(S)	7)	BMW 3 Series	44,521
3)	Ford Focus	83,115(H)	8)	VW Polo	41,901(S)
4)	Vauxhall Astra	63,023(H)	9)	Mercedes-Benz C-Class	37,261
5)	VW Golf	62,021(H)	10)	BMW 1 Series	34,488(H)

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LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Expansion of The Discovery School, Discovery Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4GJ

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Kent County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to The Discovery School (Community) Discovery Drive, West Malling, Kent ME19 4GJ from 1 September 2013.

It is proposed to expand the school by 30 places per year group, taking the total capacity of the school to 630 places. The school will admit 90 children into Year R in September 2013 and subsequent years, taking four years for the school to grow. The Local Authority will implement the proposal.

The current capacity of the school is 420 and the proposed capacity will be 630. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 476. The current admission number for the school is 60 and the proposed admission number will be 90.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from David Adams, Area Education Officer - Telephone 01233 898559.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to David Adams, Area Education Officer, Mid Kent Education Office, Kroner House, Eurogate Business Park, Ashford, Kent TN24 8XU. The closing date for objections and comments is 10 March 2013.

Signed: Patrick Leeson, Corporate Director Education, Learning & Skills

Publication Date: 10 February 2013

Explanatory Note:

The Discovery School has admitted 90 pupils in Year R for the last three years at the request of the Local Authority.

The capacity figure of 420 above is the designated capacity. Internal alterations and the recent addition of two additional class bases has ensured the school has sufficient accommodation for its 476 pupils.

Kent County Council kent.gov.uk

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Expansion of Hawkinge Primary School, Canterbury Road, Hawkinge, Folkestone, Kent CT18 7BN

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Kent County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Hawkinge Primary School (Community) Canterbury Road, Hawkinge, Folkestone, Kent CT18 7BN from 1 September 2013.

It is proposed to expand the school by 15 places per year group, taking the total capacity of the school to 420 places. The school will admit 60 children into Year R in September 2013 and subsequent years, taking six years for the school to grow. The Local Authority will implement the proposal.

The current capacity of the school is 315 and the proposed capacity will be 420. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 311. The current admission number for the school is 45 and the proposed admission number will be 60.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from David Adams, Area Education Officer - Telephone 01233 898559.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to David Adams, Area Education Officer, Mid Kent Education Office, Kroner House, Eurogate Business Park, Ashford, Kent TN24 8XU. The closing date for objections and comments is 10 March 2013.

Signed: Patrick Leeson, Corporate Director Education, Learning & Skills

Publication Date: 10 February 2013

Explanatory Note:

Hawkinge Primary School admitted 60 pupils in Year R in September 2012 at the request of the Local Authority on a temporary basis in existing accommodation.

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HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 116 STOPPING UP OF LAND AT Four Elms Road, Edenbridge

ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

I AM GIVING NOTICE THAT the Kent County Council propose to make an application to the Magistrates sitting at Sevenoaks Magistrates Court on 19th March 2013 at 2pm for an Order under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 to extinguish highway rights on the grounds that they are unnecessary on land adjacent to Four Elms Road as highlighted on the plan on deposit.

A copy of this notice and the plan referred to are on deposit, and can be seen during normal office hours, at the main reception of Kent County Council at Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ.

If you require further information or would like to discuss this matter, please contact Traffic Schemes & Member Highway Fund at Kent Highway Services in writing at the address given below, or by telephone on 08458 247 800 (24 hour contact centre).

JOHN BURR
DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION
Traffic Schemes & Member Highway Fund
Ashford Highway Depot
Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way
Ashford, Kent TN24 8AD

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 116 STOPPING UP OF LAND AT Ash Road, Westerham

ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

I AM GIVING NOTICE THAT the Kent County Council propose to make an application to the Magistrates sitting at Sevenoaks Magistrates Court on 19th March 2013 at 2pm for an Order under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 to extinguish highway rights on the grounds that they are unnecessary on land adjacent to Ash Road as highlighted on the plan on deposit.

A copy of this notice and the plan referred to are on deposit, and can be seen during normal office hours, at the main reception of Kent County Council at Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ.

If you require further information or would like to discuss this matter, please contact Traffic Schemes & Member Highway Fund at Kent Highway Services in writing at the address given below, or by telephone on 08458 247 800 (24 hour contact centre).

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LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Expansion of Repton Manor Primary School, Repton Avenue, Ashford, Kent TN23 3RX

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Kent County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Repton Manor Primary School (Foundation) Repton Avenue, Ashford, Kent TN23 3RA from 1 September 2013.

It is proposed to expand the school by 30 places per year group, taking the total capacity of the school to 420 places. The school will admit 60 children into Year R in September 2013 and subsequent years, taking six years for the school to grow. The Local Authority will implement the proposal.

The current capacity of the school is 210 and the proposed capacity will be 420. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 144. The current admission number for the school is 30 and the proposed admission number will be 60.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from David Adams, Area Education Officer - Telephone 01233 898559.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to David Adams, Area Education Officer, Mid Kent Education Office, Kroner House, Eurogate Business Park, Ashford, Kent TN24 8XU. The closing date for objections and comments is 10 March 2013.

Signed: Patrick Leeson, Corporate Director Education, Learning & Skills

Publication Date: 10 February 2013

Explanatory Note:

The school opened in September 2012. It is currently organised: 60 pupils in Year R, 30 in Year 1 and 15 in each year group 2-6. The proposal above will see cohorts of up to 60 pupils entering the school in Year R annually.

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MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009 WHELK FISHERY PERMIT BYELAW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: The Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority intends to apply to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for confirmation of a Whelk Fishery Permit Byelaw. This byelaw will include Technical Requirements and Conditions.

During the period of 28 days from the date of the publication of this Notice a copy of the Byelaw and Impact Assessment will be deposited at the offices of the applicant, at the address given below and at www.kentandessex-ifca.gov.uk.

Objections or representations concerning this notification should be submitted in writing within 28 days of the date of this notice to both addresses given below:

Marine Conservation and Enforcement Team, Marine Management Organisation, Lancaster House, Hampshire Court, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE4 7YH (or **IFCAbyelaws@marinemanagement.org.uk**)

Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority
Paragon House
Albert Street
Ramsgate
Kent
CT11 9HD
01843 585310
or info@kentandessex-ifca.gov.uk

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Police and Crime Commissioner Election - 15 November 2012 - Returns as to Election Expenses

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 48 of Part 3 of The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections Order 2012 that I have received returns as to election expenses as follows:

Candidate	Election Agent
Ann Barnes	Stephen Donald Salt
*Dai Liyanage	*Brian Christopher Buultjens
Craig Mackinlay	Gordon Williams
Steve Uncles	Michael Philip Walters
Piers Wauchope	Maureen Elenor
Harriet Bronwen Yeo	Brendan Chilton

A copy of the returns, declarations and any accompanying documents are available for public inspection at Dover District Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover CT16 3PJ during normal office hours for a period of two years beginning with the date when the return was received by me. Copies of the returns, declarations and accompanying documents are available on payment of the prescribed fee of 15 pence for each side of each page.

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Nadeem Aziz
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PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

Pier Three, 3 Bench Street, Dover, CT16 1 JH, Notice of application for grant of a premises licence.

Notice is hereby given that ROBERT WRIGHT has applied to Dover District Council for the GRANT of a premises licence to: enable the sale of alcohol between 08:00 to midnight on Mondays to Saturdays 09:00 to midnight on Sundays. To enable the sale of alcohol for extended hours at Christmas eve and New Years Eve as specified in the application. To enable the provision of hot food and drink after 23:00 hours

To enable Regulated Entertainment to be provided within the premises, as specified in the application . A register of licensing applications can be inspected at http://www.dover.gov.uk or at the council offices, white cliffs business park, Whitfield, Dover CT16 3PJ tel.01304 872295, by appointment with the Licensing team between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

Any persons wishing to submit relevant representations to this application must give notice in writing to the address shown above, giving in detail the grounds of objection by: 20th February 2013
Dated 23/1/13

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PLANNING

TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) ORDER 1995

NOTICE OF THE CONFIRMATION OF A DIRECTION UNDER ARTICLE 4(1) TO WHICH ARTICLE 5 APPLIES

NOTICE is hereby given that Tunbridge Wells Borough Council ("the Authority") has confirmed a Direction made under Article 4(1) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 ("the Direction").

The Direction applies to development of the type specified in the First Schedule to this Notice within the area described in the Second Schedule to this Notice.

The effect of the Direction is that permission granted by article 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order) 1995 shall not apply to development of the type specified in the First Schedule to this Notice and that such development shall not be carried out within the area specified in the Second Schedule to this Notice unless planning permission is granted by the Authority on an application made to the Authority under Part III of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

A copy of the Direction and of the map defining the area of land covered by it may be seen at the Council's Tunbridge Wells Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2AB between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (except Thursday 9am to 6.30pm) or 9 am and 1.30 pm on Saturday.

The Direction was made on 8 November 2012 and was confirmed and came into force on 4 February 2013

FIRST SCHEDULE

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995

SCHEDULE 2 PART 5 - CARAVAN SITES

Class A

The use of the land, other than a building, as a caravan site in the circumstances referred to in paragraph A.2.

SCHEDULE 2 PART 6 - AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS AND OPERATIONS

Class A - Development on units of 5 hectares or more

(a) Works for the erection, extension or alteration of a building; or

(b) any excavation or engineering operations which are reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture within that unit.

Class B - Development on units of less than 5 hectares

(a) the extension or alteration of an agricultural building;

(b) the installation of additional or replacement plant or machinery;

(c) the provision, rearrangement or replacement of a sewer, main, pipe, cable or other apparatus;

(d) the provision, rearrangement or replacement of a private way;

(e) the provision of a hard surface;

(f) the deposit of waste; or

(g) the carrying out of any of the following operations in connection with fish farming, namely, repairing ponds and raceways; the installation of grading machinery, seration equipment or flow meters and any associated channel; the dredging of ponds; and the replacement of tanks and nets, where the development is reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture within the unit.

SCHEDULE 2 PART 7 - FORESTRY BUILDINGS AND OPERATIONS

Class A

The carrying out on land used for the purposes of forestry, including afforestation, of development reasonably necessary for those purposes consisting of :-

(a) works for the erection, extension or alteration of a building:

(b) the formation, alteration or maintenance of private ways;

(c) operations on that land, or on land held or occupied with that land, to obtain the materials required for the formation, alteration or maintenance of such ways;

(d) other operations (not including engineering or mining operations).

SECOND SCHEDULE

A parcel of land having an area of some 47 hectares at Burrswood (also known as Green River Farm) Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Paul Cummins, Legal Services Manager,
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council,
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1RS.

Dated : 9 February 2013

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

13/00124/FUL Springhill Barn Standen Street, Benenden
- Minor Material Amendment in relation to TW/11/01687: Conversion of barn to residential use and provision of detached garage in location of existing outbuildings - alteration of the position of the proposed garage serving the Barn to a revised location which in turn will alter the position of the south western boundary to the curtilage of Springhill Barn. The proposed parking and turning area will also be altered together with associated landscaping changes (LB)

13/00204/FUL The Poplars The Street, Benenden
- Division of dwelling house to provide two dwellings with shop and post office (CA)

13/00215/FULMJ Burrs Hill Farm Horsmonden Road, Brenchley
- Replacement agricultural storage building incorporating controlled atmosphere fruit stores (MAJOR)

13/00230/FUL Town Farm Slaughterhouse High Street, Brenchley
- Extension of Time - Conversion of traditional building to a single one-bedroom dwelling (renewal of TW07/00166/FUL) (planning permission TW/10/00275 refers) (LB)(CA)

13/00157/FUL 36 Broadwater Down Royal Tunbridge Wells, Broadwater
- Change of use of storage area to one bedroom studio flat (CA)

12/03564/HOUSE Earlswood Earls Road, Culverden
- Single storey rear extension (CA)

13/00211/HOUSE Oast On The Green Curtisden Green Lane, Goudhurst
- Woodburner flue on north elevation of the kiln (LB)

13/00129/FUL St Marys Court School Hill, Lamberhurst
- Works to external common areas to provide private amenity spaces for individual properties and formation of new garden accesses for the Clocktower and the School House (LB)(CA)

13/00130/LBC St Marys Court School Hill, Lamberhurst
- Listed Building Consent: Works to external common areas to provide private amenity spaces for individual properties and formation of new garden accesses for the Clocktower and the School House (LB)

12/03164/LBC 5 Bedford Terrace Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks
- Listed Building Consent - Satellite dish and vent (works carried out) (LB)

13/00212/FUL 38 The Pantiles Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks
- Change of use from residential dwelling to D1 (LB)(CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

James Freeman
Head of Planning Services,
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 09 February 2013

TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) ORDER 1995

NOTICE OF THE CONFIRMATION OF A DIRECTION UNDER ARTICLE 4(1) TO WHICH ARTICLE 6 APPLIES

NOTICE is hereby given that Tunbridge Wells Borough Council ("the Authority") has confirmed a Direction made under Article 4(1) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 to which Article 6 applies ("the Direction").

The Direction applies to development of the type specified in the First Schedule to this Notice within the area described in the Second Schedule to this Notice.

The effect of the Direction is that permission granted by article 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order) 1995 shall not apply to development of the type specified in the First Schedule to this Notice and that such development shall not be carried out within the area specified in the Second Schedule to this Notice unless planning permission is granted by the Authority on an application made to the Authority under Part III of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

A copy of the Direction and of the map defining the area of land covered by it may be seen at the Council's Tunbridge Wells Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2AB between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (except Thursday 9am to 6.30pm) or 9 am and 1.30 pm on Saturday.

The Direction was made by the Authority on 8 November 2012 and came into force in relation to the area specified in the Second Schedule to this Notice on the 10 November 2012. The Direction was confirmed on 4 February 2013 and remains in force in relation to the area specified in the Second Schedule to this Notice.

FIRST SCHEDULE

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995

SCHEDULE 2 PART 2 - MINOR OPERATIONS

Class A

The erection, construction, maintenance, improvement or alteration of a gate, fence, wall or other means of enclosure.

Class B

The formation, laying out and construction of a means of access to a highway which is not a trunk road or a classified road, where that access is required in connection with permitted development, being development comprised within Class B of Part 2 of Schedule 2.

SCHEDULE 2 PART 4 - TEMPORARY BUILDINGS AND USES

Class B

The use of the land for any purpose for not more than 28 days in total in any calendar year, of which not more than 14 days in total may be for the purposes referred to in paragraph B.2, and the provision on the land of any movable structure for the purpose of the permitted use.

SECOND SCHEDULE

A parcel of land having an area of some 47 hectares at Burrswood (also known as Green River Farm), Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Paul Cummins, Legal Services Manager,
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council,
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1RS.

Dated : 9 February 2013

Swale BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
3. The application is for a Major Development.
6. This application may be of wider public interest.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 25 FEBRUARY 2013

SW/12/1575:
Erection of a conservatory - 2 Yew Tree Cottage, Hogbens Hill, SELLING; **REASON 1**

SW/13/0006:
Variation of conditions 4 & 17 of SW/06/0829 to allow 24hr loading of vehicles and erection of an acoustic screen wall - Thames Reinforcements Limited, New Road, SHEERNESS; **REASONS 3 & 6**

SW/13/0051:
New production and laboratory facility and all associated infrastructure including security fence, sprinkler tank, alterations to Shimmin Road and to Shimmin Road/Guillat Road junction - Land Adjacent 730, Guillat Avenue, Kent Science Park, SITTINGBOURNE; **REASON 3**

SW/13/0067:
Single storey extension to side of existing church to provide disabled WC facility & enclosed link to vestry & toilets independent of main hall. (this to compliment new external disabled access ramps previous approved under SW/12/0174) - St Barnabas Church, The Street, BOUGHTON; **REASON 1**

SW/13/0074:
Change of use of ground floor from offices to two apartments - Building adj to Former Whitbread Training Centre, Abbey Street, FAVERSHAM; **REASONS 1 & 6**

TN/13/0009:
Application for prior approval Installation of an Openreach broadband cabinet - O/S Town House, High Street, QUEENBOROUGH; **REASON 1**

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
Head of Planning

Planning applications

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA//13/00098/FUL: 32 High Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5LH Demolition of existing portal framed building and replacement with eight residential apartments with associated communal space (revised scheme). **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Hampshire** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00099/CAC: 32 High Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5LH Demolition of existing portal framed building and replacement with eight residential apartments with associated communal space (revised scheme). **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Hampshire** Reason: Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area.
CA//13/00122/FUL: Anchorage, 1 Dering Close, Bridge, CT4 5ND Removal of existing hedge around boundary and replacement with brick wall. **Applicant: Mr D Spencer** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00134/FUL: 24-28 Station Road West, Canterbury, CT2 8AN Erection of dustbin enclosure to front of Nos 26 and 28. **Applicant: Templars Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00153/FUL: Jersey Dairy Farm, 80 Mill Lane, Herne, CT6 7DR Redevelopment of old 'Jersey Farm Dairy' to form five dwellings: two from conversion of 'cow shed', one from conversion/extension of 'dairy building' and construction of two new dwellings. **Applicant: Mr T Pearman** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
CA//13/00154/LB: Ickham Hall, The Street, Ickham, CT3 1QT Partial removal of internal wall between kitchen and dining/sitting room. **Applicant: Mr J Woollett** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA//13/00156/CAC: Jersey Dairy Farm, 80 Mill Lane, Herne, CT6 7DR Demolition of building in connection with redevelopment of old 'Jersey Farm Dairy' to form five dwellings. **Applicant: Mr T Pearman** Reason: Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area.
CA//13/00164/FUL: The Old House, Garlinge Green Road, Garlinge Green, Petham CT4 5RT To regularise external alterations to an existing pool house including removal of dormer window in west facing roof and replacement with conservation rooflight, retention of two no conservation rooflights in north facing roof and retention of lower-ground external terrace, retaining walls, steps and metal railings. **Applicant: Mr James Knox** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
CA//13/00165/FUL: Anester Cottage, London Road, Harbledown, CT2 9AN Erection of a two storey detached dwelling and detached single garage. **Applicant: Mr Baker** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00174/ADV: 24 Watling Street, Canterbury, CT1 2UD Removal of existing signage; installation of one externally illuminated hanging sign, two externally illuminated areas of signwriting direct to building and two internally illuminated menu cases. **Applicant: Spirit Pub Co** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
CA//13/00175/LB: 24 Watling Street, Canterbury, CT1 2UD One externally illuminated hanging sign, two externally illuminated areas of signwriting direct to building and two internally illuminated menu cases. **Applicant: Spirit Pub Co** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA//13/00177/FUL: 10 Puckle Lane, Canterbury,CT1 3JX Conversion of existing buildings to five residential units with associated parking and amenity areas. **Applicant: Mr George** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00185/TAM: 25 Old Watling Street, Canterbury, CT1 2DX Installation of telecommunications equipment cabinet. **Applicant: Harlequin Group** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00186/LB: Barton Court Grammar School, Longport, Canterbury, CT1 1PH Outward-opening replacement front door. **Applicant: Barton Court Grammer School** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA//13/00195/FUL: Herne Bay Court, Canterbury Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5TD Erection of retirement village on land at Herne Bay Court, retention of main building and conversion to village clubhouse, provision of health and wellness centre and spa, together with landscaping works and associated works. **Applicant: Partners - to Group Centre Ministries** Reason: Contrary/Major/Conservation
CA//13/00198/FUL: Westgate Hall, Westgate Hall Road, Canterbury, CT1 2BT Refurbishment of existing hall including raising the roof, addition of roof vents (wind catchers), re-roofing, installation of roof lights, reinstating windows and doors, external decorations, access improvements front and rear, fencing to garden, acoustic and thermal insulation and internal alterations. **Applicant: Westgate Community Trust (Canterbury Ltd)** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00200/FUL: 18 West Cliff, Whitstable, CT5 1DN Rear single storey extension to create kitchen facility. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Wheeler** Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to **development.management@canterbury.gov.uk** to arrive on or before **Monday 4 March 2013.**

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: **www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc**

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 8 February 2013

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PLANNING

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/12/1083/N - 14, ROMNEY PLACE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6LE - Retrospective application for listed building consent for the installation of 1no non-illuminated fascia sign. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/1561/S - COURT LODGE, LOWER ROAD, WEST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0PD - An application for a new planning permission to replace MA/09/1127 (Change of use of 'cow house' into ancillary residential accommodation for 'Court Lodge'). **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1772/S - LAND REAR OF THE MEADOWS, LENHAM ROAD, HEADCORN, HEADCORN, KENT, TN27 9LG - Use of land as residential to provide 5 plots for gypsy families, with a total of 5 mobile homes, 10 touring caravans and 5 utility blocks with associated works. **Reason: 6**

MA/12/2267/N - THE TEN BELLS, UPPER STREET, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1SE - Change of use and conversion of existing building to two dwellings and erection of three dwellings (resubmission of MA/12/1202). **Reason: 1 2**

MA/12/2314/N - PLOT 4, ECLIPSE PARK, SITTINGBOURNE ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 3EN - Erection of Class A1 retail development (with ancillary cafe) and associated servicing, car parking, landscaping and access arrangements. **Reason: 6 9**

MA/13/0009/S - MEREWORTH HOUSE, LADDINGFORD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6BU - An application for listed building consent for the erection of a part two storey part single storey rear extension and demolition of part of existing rear wall. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/0018/N - LENWORTH HOUSE, ASHFORD ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT - An application for conservation area consent for the demolition of a two storey extension. **Reason: 4**

MA/13/0074/N - COURT FARM, YELSTED LANE, SITTINGBOURNE, KENT, ME9 7UT - Erection of first floor extension including dormer windows and conversion of garage to additional living accommodation. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/0079/N - 4, LOWER STONE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6JN - Change of use of first and second floors from restaurant to residential units, comprising 1No. 2 bed unit, 3No. 1 bed unit and 1No. 1 bed studio, including internal and external alterations. **Reason: 1 2**

MA/13/0080/S - 4, LOWER STONE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6JN - An application for listed building consent for works to facilitate the change of use of first and second floors from restaurant to residential units, comprising 1No. 2 bed unit, 3No. 1 bed unit and 1No. 1 bed studio, including internal and external alterations. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/0088/N - SHERRINGHAM HALL, BUNCE COURT ROAD, OTTERDEN, FAVERSHAM, KENT, ME13 0BY - Conversion of existing integral garage to living accommodation and erection of a double car port. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/0112/S - NORTON COURT, CHURCH ROAD, CHART SUTTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3RE - Application for listed building consent for to replace window in north elevation and insert a new roof light on west elevation. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/0115/S - THE MAP DEPOT SITE, GOUDHURST ROAD, MARDEN, KENT - Demolition of existing industrial buildings and breaking up of associated hardstanding and redevelopment of site to accommodate 112 dwellings together with associated play trail, amenity space, allotments, new access, parking and landscaping. **Reason: 6 7 9**

MA/13/0117/S - BARLING FARM, EAST SUTTON ROAD, EAST SUTTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3DX - Change of use of land to use as a car park including the construction of a hard surfaced area and landscaping. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/0118/N - NEW SHELVE FARM, ASHFORD ROAD, LENHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2DS - Conversion of Oast and attached barns into 2(no) residential units with garage building and associated works. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/0142/S - PRINCES HOUSE, 4, TARRAGON ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 0NG - An application for listed building consent for re-instatement of chimney and associated works. **Reason: 3**

Reasons for advertisement key:
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2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
4 - Application is for Conservation Area Consent.
6 - Application is Major Development.
7 - Application affects a Public Right of Way.
9 - Application does not accord with the Local Plan.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **24th February 2013** quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 10th February 2013.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

KCC/DO/0028/2013 - Proposed development at Dambridge Wingham Wastewater Treatment Works, Off Staple Road, Wingham, Kent, CT13 1LU

Southern Water Limited is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for installation of three GRP kiosks in connection with upgrade works to existing wastewater treatment works.

You may view this application at Dover District Council, Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PJ.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the District Council website.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning
Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 10th February 2013

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

Y13/0032/SH+ - 139B High Street Hythe Kent CT21 5JL - Change of use from retail (Class A1) to coffee shop (Class A3).

Y13/0060/SH - Garden Flat 21 Clifton Crescent Folkestone Kent CT20 2EN - Listed building consent for replacement window, relocation of existing kitchen and removal of internal wall.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY & VILLAGE GREENS

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY AE663,
GODMERSHAM AND CHILHAM

PUBLIC PATH CREATION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER (NUMBER 2) 2012

On the 1st February 2013 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order under section 26 of the Highways Act 1980. The effect of the Order as confirmed is to add a new length of Public Bridleway numbered AE663, which commences from a point on Restricted Byway AE18 at grid reference TR 0766 5201 (Point A), East Stour Farm, before heading in a southerly direction for 467 metres to meet with Pope Street at grid reference TR 0753 5156 (Point B). The route then continues on the south side of Pope Street at grid reference TR 0751 5156 (Point C) in a south westerly direction for 919 metres before terminating at Eggarton Lane, grid reference TR 0695 5083 (Point D). The new length of Public Bridleway numbered AE663 is to be 3 metres wide, incorporating various trees temporarily constraining the available width (in 2012) to 2.1 metres in places.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Offices of Ashford Borough Council, Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, TN23 1AS or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

The Order comes into force on 1st March 2013, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question the validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act which has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may under Paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by Paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from the 10th February 2013, make an application to the High Court.

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

PUBLIC FOOTPATHS AE51 (PART), AE55 (PART)
GODMERSHAM
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2012

On the 1st February 2013 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980. The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the entire width of (a) that length of public footpath numbered AE51 that commences from the unaffected part of Public Footpath AE51, NGR TR0724 5120 (Point A on the Order Plan), and passes for 448 metres in a north north easterly direction to a connection with Pope Street, NGR TR0752 5155, (Point B on the Order Plan);

and (b) the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered AE55 that commences from it's junction with Public Footpath AE54, NGR TR0780 5093 (Point D on the Order Plan), and passes for 616 metres in a north north westerly direction to it's connection with Public Footpath AE51, NGR TR0746 5144, (Point E on the Order Plan).

New lengths of public footpath will be added (a) numbered AE51 that commences from the unaffected part of Public Footpath AE51, NGR TR0724 5120 (Point A on the Order Plan), and passes in a north north easterly direction for 443 metres to a new connection with Pope Street, NGR TR0751 5155 (Point C on the Order Plan). The new length of path will have a width of 3 metres;

and (b) numbered AE55 that commences from the aforementioned Point D, NGR TR0780 5093, and passes in a north westerly direction for 635 metres to a new connection with Public Footpath AE51, NGR TR0724 5120 (Point A on the Order Plan). The new length of path will have a width of 2 metres.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Offices of Ashford Borough Council, Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, TN23 1AS or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

The Order comes into force on 1st March 2013, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question the validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act which has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may under Paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by Paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from the 10th February 2013, make an application to the High Court.

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF SWALE

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZSX77 IN THE PARISH OF SHEERNESS

PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZSX77
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath ZSX77 between West Street and the junction with Public Footpath ZSX76 - between the Chefs Diner and PTC Limited (NGR TQ 908 735) from the 1st February 2013.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 1st March 2013.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Michael Ellis

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

http://www.kent.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/countryside_access/traffic_regulation_orders.aspx

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NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH EE131 IN THE PARISH OF STOURMOUTH

PUBLIC FOOTPATH EE131
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath EE131, at the bridge, at point NGR TR2488,6274 from the 4th February 2013.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months.

The path is to be closed because the bridge is unsafe for public use and requires repair.

There is an alternative route which is a detour of approximately 650m from the existing crossing point. The alternative route will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Denise Roffey 0845 3450210

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

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Kent
ME14 1XX **Dated: 10th February 2013**

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HIGHWAYS - ASHFORD AREA

BURTON ROAD, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Burton Road, Ashford, on or after 11 February 2013 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Faversham Road and Warwick Road.

The alternative routes are via Faversham Road, Nettlefield Road and Burton Road or via Burton Road, Church Road and Faversham Road.

CHURCH ROAD, SMEETH & HIGH HALDEN ROAD, BIDDENDEN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching followed by micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Road, Smeeth & High Halden Road, Biddenden, on or after 25 February 2013, as shown below.

CHURCH ROAD, SMEETH - will be closed between the A20 Hythe Road and The Ridgeway, as follows

Patching works - 25 February 2013 for 1 week, between 09:00 hours and 15:00 hours each day

Micro Surfacing - Friday 15 March and Monday 18 March 2013, between 09:00 and 15:00 hours each day

Alternative Route via A20 Hythe Road and The Ridgeway

HIGH HALDEN ROAD, BIDDENDEN - will be closed between the A262 Biddenden Road and Bush Lane, as follows

Patching Works - 25 February 2013 for 1-2 weeks, between 07:00 hours and 19:00 hours each day

Micro Surfacing - 25 March 2013 for 3 days, and 2 April 2013 for 1 day, between 07:00 hours and 19:00 hours each day

Alternative Route via A262 Tenterden Road, A262 Biddenden Road, High Halden Lane, High Halden Road and Bush Lane

For both locations, additional 2-day closures will be required within 14 days of completion of surfacing, to allow for adjustment of covers in the carriageway.

HIGHWAYS - CANTERBURY AREA

HAMILTON ROAD, WHITSTABLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to install kerb build-outs, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hamilton Road, Whitstable, on or after 16 February 2013 as shown below.

Works are planned to be carried out on the weekends of 16 & 17 February and 23 & 24 February.

The planned closure times are between 08:00 hrs and 16:00 hrs each Saturday and between 09:00 hrs and 16:00 hrs each Sunday.

The road will be closed at the junction with Stream Walk.

The alternative route is via Regent Street and Cromwell Road.

LANES WALK & CUCKOO DOWN LANE, WHITSTABLE (RESTRICTIONS ON CYCLISTS & PEDESTRIANS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works as part of scheme to install Oyster Bay Cycle Trail, Kent County Council has made an Order restricting pedestrians and cyclists on Lanes Walk & Cuckoo Down Lane, Whitstable, as shown below.

LANES WALK will be closed for its entire length, from 11 February 2013 for up to 1 week.

The alternative route is via Tower Parade, Cromwell Road and Westgate Terrace.

CUCKOO DOWN LANE will be closed for its entire length, from 15 February 2013 for up to 2 weeks.

The alternative route is via Cromwell Road, Westgate Terrace and Reservoir Road

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A290 ST DUNSTAN'S STREET, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow a structural survey of the Westgate Towers to be carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on A290 St Dunstan's Street, Canterbury, on or after Sunday 17 February 2013, between 08:00 hrs and 16:00 hrs.

The road will be closed adjacent to the south side of the Westgate Towers, with no through access between St Peter's Place and St Dunstan's Street / North Lane.

The alternative route is via A290 St Peter's Place, A2050 Rheims Way, London Road, A290 St Dunstan's Street and Station Road West.

B2205 ST JOHN'S ROAD & COLEWOOD ROAD, WHITSTABLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway resurfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on B2205 St John's Road & Colewood Road, Whitstable, on or after 17 February 2013 for up to 3 days, between 09:30 hrs and 15:30 hrs each day.

The roads will be closed between the junctions with Kite Farm and Tyler Way, with no through access between Whitstable and Herne Bay using this route.

The alternative route for low vehicles is via B2205 Whitstable Road, Sea Street, Greenhill Bridge Road, A2990 (Old) Thanet Way, Chestfield Road and St John's Road.

For all vehicles over 13' 3" (4.0 M), the alternative route is via B2205 Whitstable Road, Sea Street, Greenhill Bridge Road, A2990 (Old) Thanet Way, B2205 Borstal Hill, Canterbury Road, Oxford Street, High Street, Harbour Street, Tower Parade, Tankerton Road, Bennells Avenue, Herne Bay Road and St John's Road.

B2205 TOWER PARADE, WHITSTABLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to install a new cycle and pedestrian crossing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on B2205 Tower Parade, Whitstable, on or after 25 February 2013 for up to 5 nights, between 19:00 hours and 06:00 hours each night.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of a point between the car park and the Health Centre, opposite the Harbour Office.

There will be no through access for traffic between the junctions with Cromwell Road and Northwood Road.

The alternative routes are

Eastbound via Cromwell Road, Railway Avenue, Teynham Road, Castle Road (continuing across Northwood Road) and Tankerton Road

Westbound via St Anne's Road, Northwood Road, Castle Road, Teynham Road, Railway Ave and Cromwell Road

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VARIOUS ROADS, CANTERBURY AREA (MICRO-SURFACING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching followed by micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in the Canterbury Area on or after 25 February 2013, as shown below.

For each site, additional closures will be necessary within 2 weeks from the surfacing, to allow for re-alignment of iron work in the carriageway.

For those roads with no alternative routes, every effort will be made to maintain access whenever it is safe to do so, but the nature of the works will mean there are some times when this is not possible.

MAYPOLE LANE, HOATH - will be closed between its two junctions with Maypole Road

Patching Works 25 February for 1 week, between the hours of 07:00 hours to 19:00 hours.

Micro-surfacing: 14, 15 and 18 March 2013 (3 days in total), between 07:00 hours and 19:00 hours.

Additional closure required for a further 2 days

The alternative route is via Maypole Road, Church Road and School Lane

TYLER HILL ROAD / CALAIS HILL, BLEAN will be closed between the junction with School Road and 200 metres east of Link Road

Patching works: 4 March 2013, for 5 days between 07:00 hours and 17:30 hours (with access maintained for school buses)

Micro-surfacing: 4 April 2013 for 4 days, between 07:00 hours and 19:00 hours

Additional closure may be required for a further 2 days

The alternative route is via Tyler Hill Road, A290 Blean Common, Blean Hill, Tile Kiln Hill, Whitstable Road, Giles Lane, Canterbury Hill and Calais Hill

NARGATE STREET, LITTLEBOURNE will be closed between the junction with A257 High Street and the 30 mph / National Speed Limit Signs

Patching: 11 March 2013 for 1 week, between 09:00 hours to 15:00 hours

Micro-surfacing 11 April 2013 for 2 days, between 09:00 hours and 15:00 hours

Additional closure may be required for a further 2 days

The alternative route is via A257 Canterbury Road, Wingham Lane, The Street, Wickham Lane and Wickham Road

CHURCH ROAD, HOATH will be closed between the junction with Maypole Road and the Church

Micro-surfacing 18 March 2013 for 1 day, between 07:00 hours and 19:00 hours

Additional closure required for a further day

The alternative route is via Maypole Road, Maypole Lane & School Lane

ST DUNSTAN'S CLOSE, CANTERBURY will be closed between the junction with London Road to the end of the cul-de-sac

Micro-surfacing 4 April 2013 for 1 day, between 07:00 hours and 19:00 hours

Additional closure may be required for a further day

There is no alternative route

THE GREEN, BLEAN will be closed between the junction with Tyler Green Road for its entire length

7 April 2013 1 day, between 07:00 hours and 19:00 hours

Additional closure may be required for a further day within 14 days.

There is no alternative route

ST VINCENT'S CLOSE, LITTLEBOURNE will be closed between the junction with junction with Court Hill to end of cul-de-sac

15 April 2013 for 1 day, between 07:00 hours and 19:00 hours

Additional closure may be required for a further day

There is no alternative route

HIGHWAYS - DARTFORD AREA
In the Borough of Dartford and Sevenoaks

VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD, DARENTH AND SOUTH DARENTH (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 20 1 3

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Due to the cancellation of Dartford Road Runners Event on 20th January 2013 because of bad weather, this event has been rescheduled as below, for the 17th March 2013

Schedule 1

Road name: Darenth Road, Dartford
Extent: Southbound from David Lloyds Entrance
Diversion: No diversion required closure will be in place for 10 minutes
9.25am - 9.35am

Road name: Powdermill Lane, Dartford
Extent: Between its junctions with Darenth Road and Warwick Way
Diversion: No diversion required closure will be in place for 10 minutes
9.25am - 9.35am

Road name: Warwick Way, Dartford
Extent: Between its junctions with Powdermill Lane and Hawley Road
Diversion: No diversion required closure will be in place for 10 minutes
9.25am - 9.35am

Road name: A225 Hawley Road, Darenth
Extent: Between its junctions with Warwick Way and Parsonage Lane
Diversion: No diversion required closure will be in place for 15 minutes
9.32am - 9.47am

Road name: Parsonage Lane, Hawley/Darenth
Extent: Between its junctions with Hawley Road and Roman Villa Road.
Diversion: Signed Diversion route from Parsonage Lane roundabout to Darenth Hill roundabout (and vice versa) via Hawley Road, Princes Road and Green St Green Rd and the reverse
Road will be closed from 9.40 till 9.55

Road name: Darenth Hill, Darenth
Extent: Between its junctions Green Street Green Road.
Diversion: B260 Green Street Green Road, A225 Princes Road, A225 Hawley Road, A225 Main Road and Devon Road
Road will be closed from 9.40 till 9.55

Road name: Roman Villa Road, Darenth
Extent: Between its junctions with Darenth Hill and Holmesdale Hill
Diversion: A225 Hawley Road and A225 Princes Road
Road will be closed from 9.40am-11am

Road name: Rabbits Road, South Darenth
Extent: Between its junctions with Shrubbery Road and Canada Farm Road
Diversion: Shrubbery Road, Holmesdale Hill, St Margarets Road and B260 Green Street Green Road
Road will be closed from 9.40am-11am

Road name: Gills Road, South Darenth
Extent: Between its junctions with Holmesdale Hill and B260 Green Street Green Road
Diversion: B260 Green Street Green Road, A225 Princes Road, A225 Hawley Road, A225 Main Road and Devon Road
Road will be closed from 9.40am-11am

Road name: Wilson Lane, South Darenth
Extent: Between its junctions with Gills Road and Rabbits Road
Diversion: B260 Green Street Green Road, A225 Princes Road, A225 Hawley Road, A225 Main Road and Devon Road
Road will be closed from 9.40am-11am

Road name: Canada Farm Road, South Darenth
Extent: Between its junctions with Three Gates Road and B260 Green Street Green Road
Diversion: Valley Road, Fawkham Road and B260 Green Street Green Road
Road will be closed from 9.40am-11am

Road name: St Margarets Road, Darenth
Extent: To B260 Green Street Green Road
Diversion: B260 Green Street Green Road, A225 Princes Road, A225 Hawley Road, A225 Main Road and Devon Road
Road will be closed from 9.45am - 11.10am

Road name: St Margarets Road, Darenth
Extent: closed at its junction with B260 Green Street Green Road
Diversion:
Road will be closed from 9.45am - 11.10am

Road name: Trolling Down Hill B260
Extent: Between its junctions with Roman Villa Road to B260 Green Street Green Road
Diversion: via Princes Road, Lowfield Street, A225 Hawley Road, Parsonage Lane and Darenth Hill B260 Green Street Green Road.
Between 10.10 and 11.30

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the event, Les Witton Dartford 10KM

STATION APPROACH DARTFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the set up a crane to lift a structure onto platform 3 and 4 on Dartford Station, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Station Approach Dartford, on or after 17th February 2013 for up to I day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at Station Approach.

There is no alternative diversion , however access to the station carpark to be maintained if possible.

WARREN ROAD SOUTHFLEET (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because BT require safe access to the carriagway box for cabling, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Warren Road Southfleet, on or after 11th February 2013 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction of Dale Road to the junction with New Barn Road.

There will be no access for through traffic between these junctions with.

The alternative route is via New Barn Road and Red Street .

For further information, please contact Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent County Council

HIGHWAYS - DOVER AREA

(HOLLOW WOOD ROAD, DISTRICT OF DOVER) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2013

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL intends to make the above named Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984:

The effect of the proposed named Order (Prohibition of Waiting) will introduce new or to amend existing waiting restrictions in the following lengths of road (in this part of the notice DYL means waiting to be prohibited at all times by Double Yellow Road Markings);

Hollow Wood Road, Dover	Both sides	from its junction with Poulton Close for its entire length INCLUDING THE ENTRANCES TO THE INDUSTRIAL PREMISES

Full details are contained in the proposed Order, any Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order, a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order and maps indicating the location and effect may be examined at the Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX and at the Dover District Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, CT16 3PJ during normal office hours.

Anyone wishing to support the new proposal or object to the proposed Order should send the grounds in writing to: The Traffic Regulation Order, Jacobs UK Ltd, Miller House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6GB or by email to dover.TRO@jacobs.com by noon on Monday 04th March 2013.

LUCERNE LANE, MARTIN, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water communication pipe works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Lucerne Lane, Martin, Dover, on or after 25 February 2013 for up to 5 days, between 09:00 hrs and 16:30hrs each day.

The road will be closed between the junctions with The Street and Martin Dale Crescent.

The alternative route is via The Street, East Langdon Road, Hollands Hill and Station Road.

ROWLING ROAD, GOODNESTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow access to the overhead cable network to restore a customer phone service, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Rowling Road, Goodnestone, on or after 11 February 2013 for up to 2 days, between 09:30 hrs and 15:30 hrs each day.

The road will be closed from Lower Rowling Farm north-eastwards to the junction with Sandwich Road.

The alternative route is via Sandwich Road and Rowling Road.

SALISBURY ROAD & GRANVILLE ROAD, WALMER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of junction modifications, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Salisbury Road & Granville Road, Walmer, on or after 18 February 2013 for up to 1 week, as shown below.

GRANVILLE ROAD, WALMER will be closed at the junction with A258 Dover Road on 18 February for one day.

The alternative routes are as follows

For southbound Dover Road traffic via Dover Road, Grams Road and Liverpool Road

For Northbound Dover Road traffic via Dover Road, Archery Square and The Beach

SALISBURY ROAD, WALMER will be closed between the junctions with A258 Dover Road and Court Road, from 19 February for up to 4 days.

The alternative routes are via Dover Road, Church Street and Court Road or via Dover Road, Kelvedon Road and Balfour Road.

Every effort will be made to try and maintain access for residents whenever it is safe to do so, but there may be delays, or times when this is not possible due to the use of machinery.

VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER AREA (MICRO-SURFACING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching followed by micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in the Dover Area on or after 25 February 2013, as shown below.

Additional closures may be required within 14 days of the surfacing closures, to allow for re-alignment of covers in the carriageway.

The dates of these will be advised locally and signposted on site.

STRAKERS HILL, EAST STUDDAL - will be closed between the junctions with Downs Road and Roman Road

Patching Works - 25 February 2013 for 2 days, between 07:00 hours and 17:00 hours each day

Micro surfacing - 10 March 2013 for 1 day, between 07:00 hours and 1900 hours.

Additional closure may be required for a further day.

Diversion Route via Homestead Lane and Roman Road

SALISBURY ROAD, DEAL - will be closed between the junctions with A258 Dover Road and Court Road

Micro surfacing 11 March 2013 for 2 days, between 09:30 hours and 15:00 hours each day, due to school

Additional closure required for a further day within 14 days

Diversion Route via A258 Dover Road, Station Road and Court Road

MILNER CRESCENT, AYLESHAM - will be closed in 2 phases

1) between Dorman Avenue North and Boulevard Courrieres

Alternative route via - Dorman Avenue North, Market Place, Kings Road, Queens Road, Market Place and Boulevard Courrieres

2) between Boulevard Courrieres and Dorman Avenue South

Alternative route via Dorman Avenue South, Market Place and Boulevard Courrieres

Micro surfacing 10 April 2013 for 2 days, between 07:00 hours and 19:00 hours each day

Additional closures required for a further 2 days

BALFOUR ROAD, DOVER - will be closed between the junctions with Beaconsfield Road and Cherry Tree Avenue

Micro surfacing 16 April 2013 for 1 day, between 07:00 hours and 19:00 hours.

Additional closure required for a further day

Diversion Route via Beaconsfield Road, A256 London Road and Cherry Tree Avenue

The One-way Traffic Order will be suspended to allow access from either direction up to the point of closure

HIGHWAYS - GRAVESHAM AREA

LUDDESDOWN ROAD, MEOPHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of safe access required by BT for poling lorry elevating platform, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Luddesdown Road Meopham, on or after 27th February 2013 for up to 2 daysor until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction of Oakenden Road to the junction with Henley Street.

There will be no access for through traffic between these junctions.

The alternative route is via Oakenden Road, Foxendown Road, The Street, Wrotham Road, Green Lane, Camer Road, Sole Street, Gold Street and Henley Street..

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF GRAVESHAM) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) AMENDMENT NO. 1 CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012

Notice is herby given that the Kent County Council has made an Order under Sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is :-

To extend the existing 20mph zone in Gravesend Town Centre, to include the length of Parrock Street from a point 17 metres south east of its junction with Lord Street to a point 80 metres south east of its junction with The Grove. This is the length of road adjacent to the Parrock Street car park, and the reduced speed limit is being introduced to improve road safety for all road users.

A copy of the Order, an explanatory statement, and a map showing the extents of the Order may be inspected during normal working hours at County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at the offices of the Ashford Highway Depot, Unit 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8AD.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

HIGHWAYS - MAIDSTONE AREA

A249 MOTE ROAD, MAIDSTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on A249 Mote Road, Maidstone, on or after 25 February 2013 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the slip road with the junction of A229 Upper Stone Street.

The alternative route is via Knightrider Street, Mill Street, Palace Avenue, Lower Stone Street.

(PEEL STREET, BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE) (SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR) ORDER 2013

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

The Kent County Council, acting as the local traffic authority and in exercise of their powers under sections 1(1), 2 (1) to 3, 3 (2), 4 (1) and (2) 32 (1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, intends to make the following Order:

The Kent County Council (Peel Street, Borough of Maidstone) (School Keep Clear) Order 2013 shall have effect in the Schedule as though -

SCHEDULE

PROHIBITION OF STOPPING ON SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR MARKINGS MONDAY TO FRIDAY BETWEEN 8:15AM AND 15:45PM

Peel Street, Maidstone	Western side	Across the entrance to the North Borough Junior School.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Sessions House, Maidstone ME14 1XQ, between 8.30am and 5.00pm and at Maidstone Borough Council Offices, The Gateway, King Street, Maidstone during normal opening times.

Anyone wishing to support or object to the proposed Order should send the grounds in writing to: The Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager, Kent County Council Highways, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to TRO@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 04th March 2013

WEST STREET, HARRIETSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of traffic calming measures, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on West Street, Harrietsham, on or after 16 February 2013 for up to 9 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside of The Primary School.

The alternative route is via A20 Ashford Road, Hook Lane.

VARIOUS ROADS, MAIDSTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow a programme of carriageway patching and surface treatment works to be carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order to restrict traffic on various roads in Kent, as shown below.

The Order will become effective on or after **11th February 2013** for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed.

The planned dates and times for each road closure or restriction are shown below, in a Schedule listed in alphabetical order of District.

Planned dates will be indicated by signage displayed on site 14 days in advance. Road closures and other restrictions will be in effect when the appropriate signage and barriers are in place.

Each road indicated will need to be closed once for prepatching works (as per the schedule below) and a second time for the actual surface treatment works (Surface dressing or microsurfacing) later in the year (These dates will be advertised on information boards on each site, 14 days in advance of commencement).

Every effort will be made to keep to the schedule shown below. Some minor modifications may be made to dates and duration of works, to be advised once known.

Adverse weather conditions may prevent some works being carried out on the planned dates.

Roads that are missed will be re-scheduled, as advised locally and signposted on site.

SCHEDULE

MAIDSTONE

CROSS STREET, MAIDSTONE - closed between Hardy Street and Peel Street.

18th to 20th March 2013 - 0830hrs to 1730hrs.

Alternative route via Fisher Street, Peel Street, John Street and Hardy Street.

HUNT STREET, WEST FARLEIGH - closed between Smiths Hill and Bow Hill.

11th to 15th March 2013. 0830hrs to 1730hrs

Alternative route via B2163 Smiths Hill, Teston Lane, A26 Tonbridge Road, B2015 Bow Road and Bow Hill.

PILGRIMS WAY, HARRIETSHAM & THURNHAM - closed between Hollingbourne Hill and The Street, Detling

11th February to 19th February 2013. 0830hrs to 1730hrs

Alternative route via Hollingbourne Hill, Upper Street, Eyhorne Street, A20 Ashford Road, Roundwell, The Street, Bearsted, Ware Street, Hockers Lane and The Street, Detling.

FRINSTEAD LANE, WORMSHILL - closed up to Bedmonton House entrance.

19th February to 20th February 2013. 0830hrs to 1730hrs

(No alternative route as this is a no through road)

GREENWAY COURT ROAD, HOLLINGBOURNE - Closed between A20 Ashford Road and Eyhorne Street.

4th to 8th March 2013. 0830hrs - 1730hrs

Alternative route via A20 Ashford Road and Eyhorne Street.

HAMPSTEAD LANE, YALDING - closed between Level crossing at Yalding Station and B2015 Maidstone Road, Nettlestead Green.

1st to 6th March 2013. 0830hrs to 1730hrs

Alternative route via B2015 Maidstone Road, Bow Road, A20 Tonbridge Road, B2163 Teston Lane, Smiths Hill, Yalding Hill, B2010 High Street, Yalding, B2162 Lees Road, Hampstead Lane.

STATION ROAD, NETTLESTEAD GREEN - closed between B2162 Hampstead Lane and B2015 Maidstone Road, Nettlestead Green.

5th to 9th March 2013. 0830hrs to 1730hrs

Via B2015 Maidstone Road and B2162 Hampstead Lane.

HAZEL STREET ROAD, HAZEL STREET NR HUCKING - closed between South Green Lane and Southlees Lane.

21st February to 27th February. 0830hrs to 1730hrs.

Alternative route via South Green Lane and Southlees Lane.

SOUTH GREEN LANE, SOUTH GREEN, NR HUCKING - closed between Rumstead Road and Hazel Street Road.

21st February to 27th February. 0830hrs to 1730hrs.

Alternative route via South Green Lane, Southlees Lane and Hazel Street Road.

LODDINGTON LANE, BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA - closed between B2163 Heath Road and Butt Green Lane.

8th to 9th March 2013. 0830hrs to 1730hrs.

Alternative route via Butt Green Lane, A229 Linton Hill and B2163 Heath Road.

WILDEN PARK ROAD, STAPLEHURST - Closed between Park Road and Five Oak Lane.

10th to 11th March 2013. 0830hrs to 1730hrs.

Alternative route via Pagehurst Road, Five Ash Lane and Five Oak Lane

PRISTLING LANE, STAPLEHURST - Closed between Goudhurst Road, Staplehurst and Snoad Lane

11th to 15th February 2013. 0830hrs to 1730hrs.

Alternative Route via Goudhurst Road Five Oak Lane and Snoad Lane.

SNOAD LANE, STAPLEHURST - Closed between Five Oak Lane and Pristling Lane.

11th 15th February 2013. 0830hrs to 1730hrs.

Alternative Route via Five Oak Lane, Goudhurst Road and Pristling Lane.

SMITHS HILL, WEST FARLEIGH - Closed from Ewell Lane to Shingle Barn Lane.

18th to 21st February 2013. 0830hrs to 1730hrs.

Alternative route via B2163 Smiths Hill, Teston Lane, A20 Tonbridge Road, B2015 Bow Road, Maidstone Road, B2162 Hampstead Lane, Lees Road, Yalding High Street, Yalding Hill and Smiths Hill.

For further information, please contact Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

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WYEBANKS ROAD, (Nr DODDINGTON) - Closed between Snoad Farm Road and Slade Road.

28th February to 1st March 2013. 0830hrs to 1730hrs.

Alternative Route via Slade Road, Seed Road and Frith Road.

BOY COURT LANE, HEADCORN - Tilden (Upper Little Boy Court Farm)

22nd to 24th February 2013. 0830hrs to 1730hrs.

No alternative route as no through road.

WICHLING GREEN LANE, DODDINGTON - Closed from Endings Wood Road to Old Lenham Road.

4th March to 6th March, 2013. 0830hrs to 1730hrs.

Alternative Route via Old Lenham Road, The Street, Doddington, Old Lenham Road and Endings Wood Road.

NEW ROAD, OTHAM - Closed between A274 Sutton Road and Avery Lane.

21st to 22nd February 2013. 0830hrs to 1730hrs.

Alternative Route via A274 Sutton Road, Gore Court Road, White Horse Lane and Simmonds Lane.

HONEY LANE, OTHAM - Avery Lane to White Horse Lane

22nd to 23rd February 2013. 0830hrs to 1730hrs.

Alternative Route via New Road, A274 Sutton Road, Gore Court Road, White Horse Lane and Simmonds Lane.

SIMMONDS LANE, OTHAM - Closed between Honey Lane and White Horse Lane

23rd to 24th February 2013. 0830hrs to 1730hrs.

Alternative Route via White Horse Lane and Honey Lane.

PARK LANE, WORMSHILL - Closed from The Street, Wormshill to end.

7th to 8th March 2013. 0830hrs to 1730hrs.

No alternative route as this is a no through road.

HIGHWAYS - SEVENOAKS AREA

BEESFIELD LANE, FARNINGHAM, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching and resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Beesfield Lane, Farningham, Sevenoaks, on or after 25 February 2013 for up to 1 week and 13 March 2013 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed. The road will also be closed for 2 days within 2 weeks of the resurfacing, as indicated by signage.

The road will be closed from A225 Eynsford Road to Donkey Lane.

The alternative route is via A225 Eynsford Road, A20 Main Road/Gorse Hill/London Road, Botsom Lane, Maplescombe Lane.

CHART LANE, BRASTED, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of allowing BT access for pole steps fitting works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Chart Lane, Brasted, Sevenoaks, on or after 27th February 2013 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction with Emmetts Lane for a distance of 600 metres and there will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via Toys Hill Road, Green Lane, Ide Hill Road, Sundridge Road, New Road, High Street, Chart Lane.

HIGHWAYS - SHEPWAY AREA

THE STADE, FOLKESTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Stade, Folkestone, on or after 26 February 2013 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with North Street and East Street.

There will be no access for any vehicles taller than 6' 6" into The Stade during these works

The alternative route, *for low height vehicles only*, is via Radnor Street, A2033 The Tram Road, Harbour Street, Beach Street and Fish Market.

It is hoped that the road can be re-opened outside working hours (08:00 and 17:00 hours), but this cannot be guaranteed, due to the nature of the works

HIGHWAYS - SWALE & ASHFORD AREAS

A251 ASHFORD ROAD, SHELDWICH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on A251 Ashford Road, Sheldwich, Faversham, on or after 15 February 2013 as shown below.

The A251 Ashford Road will be closed at North Street, between the junctions with Plumford Lane and Porters Lane.

There will be no access between Ashford and Faversham using the A251.

The planned dates of closures are as follows

HALF TERM

Saturday 16 February 2013 from 07:30 hrs through until Sunday 24 February at 17:00 hrs

EASTER

Friday 29 March 2013 from 07:30 hrs through until Sunday 14 April at 17:00 hrs

The diversion routes are

Northbound via A251 Ashford Road, Faversham Road, A252 Canterbury Road, The Street, Maidstone Road, A28 Canterbury Road, Ashford Road, Thanington Road then joining the A2 Trunk Road at Thanington continuing via Brenley Corner to A2 Canterbury Road and A251 Ashford Road.

Southbound, there is no access between the A2 and A28 at Thanington. The route is A251 Ashford Road, A2 Canterbury Road via Brenley Corner, A2 Trunk Road continuing coast bound to the Coldharbour Lane junction (signposted Barham, Kingston, Bish'b'rne) then London bound on the A2 to Thanington to join the A28 Thanington Road, Ashford Road, Canterbury Road, A252 Maidstone Road, The Street, Canterbury Road, A251 Faversham Road to Ashford Road.

HIGHWAYS - THANET AREA

ALLAND GRANGE LANE, MANSTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to install new signage, road markings and red high friction surfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Alland Grange Lane, Manston, on or after 11 February 2013 for up to 3 days, between 08:00 hrs to 16:00 hrs each day.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route is via B2190 Spitfire Way & B2050 Manston Road.

BROAD STREET, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to reline a sewer, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Broad Street, Ramsgate, on or after 11 February 2013 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with School Lane, with no through access between the junctions with Hardres Street and School Lane.

The alternative route is via Hardres Street, Boundary Road, Chatham Place, Chatham Street, High Street and Church Hill.

CECILIA GROVE, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow works for the construction of a central pedestrian island and additional pedestrian and junction improvements, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cecilia Grove, Broadstairs, on or after 18 February 2013 for up to 1 week, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route is via Grange Road and Beacon Road. There will be one day during the closure when this part of Beacon Road is closed, and the diversion will then be Grange Road, Callis Court Road, Albion Road and Beacon Road.

HARBOUR STREET, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to install water connections to a new development, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Harbour Street, Ramsgate, on or after 11 February 2013 for up to 3 days, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of 34-40, with no through access.

The alternative route is via Madeira Walk, Wellington Crescent, Plains of Waterloo and King Street.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of Harbour Street will be suspended to allow access.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of King Street will be suspended between the junctions with Broad Street and Harbour Street.

PLUMSTONE ROAD, ACOL & PRESTON ROAD, MANSTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Plumstone Road, Acol and Preston Road, Manston, on or after 11 February 2013 as shown below.

Planned closure times are between 07:30 hrs and 16:30 hrs each day for both closures.

PLUMSTONE ROAD, ACOL will be closed for its entire length, from 11 February for up to 5 days.

The alternative route is via Seamark Road, A299 Canterbury Road West and Minster Road

PRESTON ROAD, MANSTON will be closed for its entire length, from 18 February for up to 3 days.

The alternative route is via Manston Road and Manston Court Road.

THANET ROAD, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new phone service, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Thanet Road, Broadstairs, on or after 11 February 2013 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Albion Street.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Albion Street and Prospect Road.

The alternative route is via Albion Street, High Street, Prospect Place and Thanet Road.

HIGHWAYS - TONBRIDGE & MALLING AREA

BUTCHERS LANE, MEREWORTH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to install a new gas service, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Butchers Lane, Mereworth, on or after 25 February 2013 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside 244.

The alternative route is via Beech Road, Horns Lane, Willow Wents.

HIGHWAYS - TUNBRIDGE WELLS AREA

COLLIERS GREEN ROAD, CRANBROOK (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to replace a telegraph pole, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Colliers Green Road, Cranbrook, on or after 16 February 2013 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Marden Road to Round Green.

The alternative route is via Marden Road, Goudhurst Road, The Common, Rocks Hill, Cranbrook Road, Pinnock Lane, Goudhurst Road.

WATERLOO ROAD, CRANBROOK (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of traffic calming measures, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Waterloo Road, Cranbrook, on or after 16 February 2013 for up to 9 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Stone Street to Cornwallis House.

The alternative route is via Stone Street, High Street, Angley Road, Wilsey Green, Waterloo Road.

(VARIOUS ROADS, TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) NO.4 ORDER 2013

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL hereby makes the above named Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984:

The effect of the proposed named Order (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) will introduce new or to amend existing waiting restrictions in the following lengths of road (in this part of the notice DYL means waiting to be prohibited at all times by double yellow lines; SYL and loading restrictions means no waiting at the times prescribed below by single yellow lines).

No waiting at any time (DYL)

Banner Farm Road; northwest side, from its most northerly point to a point 153 metres north of its junction with Farmcombe Road INCLUDES TURNING HEAD

Banner Farm Road; south and east side, from its most northerly point to a point 160 metres north of its junction with Farmcombe Road INCLUDES TURNING HEAD

Cunningham Road; west side, from a point 12 metres north of its junction with the east-west spur of Cunningham Road to its most southerly point INCLUDES SCHOOL ENTRANCES

Cunningham Road; (east-west spur), both sides, from its junction with Cunningham Road to a point 15m west of that junction.

Cunningham Road; east side, From a point 14 metres north of its junction with Tedder Road to a point 15 metres south of that junction.

Tedder Road; both sides, from its junction with Cunningham Road to a point 15 metres east of that junction.

Exchange Mews; south west to north east section, both sides, from its junction with Culverden Park Road for its entire length

Exchange Mews; south east to north west spur, both sides, from its junction with the south west to north east section of Exchange Mews to a point 10m north west of that junction.

Major Yorks Road; south-west side, from its junction with Langton Road to a point 58 metres south-east of that junction.

Major Yorks Road; south west, from a point 10 metres north-west of its junction with Nevill Park WESTERN SPUR to a point 10 metres south-east of its junction with Nevill Park EASTERN SPUR.

Major Yorks Road; north east side, from its junction with Bishop's Down to a point 40 metres south east of that junction.

Major Yorks Road; south west side, from a point 119 metres north west of its junction with Hungershall Park to a point 149 metres north west of that junction.

Major Yorks Road; south west side, from a point 30 metres north west of its junction with Hungershall Park to a point 30 metres south east of that junction.

Major Yorks Road; north east side, from its junction with Eridge Road to a point 30 metres north west of its junction with Hungershall Park.

Major Yorks Road; south west side, from a point 230 metres north west of its junction with Eridge Road to a point 265 metres north west of that junction.

Major Yorks Road; south west side, from its junction with Eridge Road to a point 120m north west of that junction.

Henwood Green Road; west side, from a point 15 metres north of its northern junction with Romford Road to a point 25 metres south of that junction.

Henwood Green Road; east side, from a point 15 north of its northern junction with Romford Road to a point 20 metres south of its southern junction with Romford Road.

No waiting Monday to Saturday 8am - 6pm (SYL)

Culverden Park Road; north east, from a point 20m east of its junction with Culverden Park to a point 239 metres north and west of that junction

No waiting Monday to Friday 8am - 4pm (SYL)

Banner Farm Road; east side, from its junction with Farmcombe Road to a point 160 metres north of that junction.

No waiting Monday to Friday 10am - 11am (SYL)

Northern slip road between Church Road and London Road, Southborough; both sides, from its junction with Church Road to its junction with London Road.

For further information, please contact Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent County Council

Full details are contained in the Order, any Orders which will be amended by the Order, a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order and maps indicating the location and effect may be examined at the Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX and at the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council offices, Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1RS during normal office hours.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made there under have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

HIGHWAYS - WEST KENT AREA

VARIOUS ROADS, KENT (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING & 10MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow a programme of carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to restrict traffic on various roads in Kent, as shown below.

The Order will become effective on or after 18th February 2013 for up to 3 months, or until the works have been completed.

The planned dates and times for each road closure or restriction are shown below, in a Schedule listed in alphabetical order of District.

Planned dates will be indicated by signage displayed on site 14 days in advance. Road closures and other restrictions will be in effect when the appropriate signage and barriers are in place.

Every effort will be made to keep to the schedule shown below. Some minor modifications may be made to dates and duration of works, to be advised once known.

Adverse weather conditions may prevent some works being carried out on the planned dates.

Roads that are missed will be re-scheduled, as advised locally and signposted on site.

SCHEDULE

DARTFORD

HARTLEY ROAD, LONGFIELD
Closed between B260 Main Road and Station Road

27 February 2013 - 07:00 until 17:00

Alternative route via Station Road

B260 MAIN ROAD, LONGFIELD
Closed between New Barn Road to Gorse Wood Road

25 March - 27 March 2013 - 7:00 pm until 5:00 am

Alternative route via B260 Main Road, B260 Green Street Green Road, Trolling Down Hill, A296 Princes Road, Watling Street and New Barn Road

MILL POND ROAD, DARTFORD
Closed between Hythe Street roundabout and Overy Street

27 March - 28 March 2013 - 19:00 until 05:00

Alternative route via Temple Hill, St Vincents Ave, St Vincents Road A226 East Hill, A226 Overy Liberty, A226 Home Gardens and A2026 Hythe Street

A296 PRINCES ROAD, DARTFORD *EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY CLOSURE ONLY*
Closed between Junction 1a Roundabout and A296 Watling Street

8 April - 10 April 2013 - 19:00 until 05:00

Alternative route via A296 Princes Road, A296 Park Road, A226 The Brent and B2500 Watling Street

GRAVESHAM

ISTEAD RISE, GRAVESEND - Closed between A227 Wrotham Road and The Drove Way.

26 March 2013 - 9.30am until 3.30pm

Alternative route via A227 Wrotham Road, Arcadia Road and Upper Avenue (and vice versa).

WHITEHILL ROAD, GRAVESEND - Closed between Sun Lane (Echo Square Roundabout) to Hollybush Road.

24 April & 25 April 2013 - 9.30am until 3.30pm

Alternative route via Whitehill Road and Sun Lane (and vice versa).

MAIDSTONE

A229 LOOSE ROAD - Closed between Cripple Street and A274 Sutton Road

25 February - 8 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am,

Alternative route via A229 Loose Road, A229 Linton Road, B2163 Heath Road, Cock Street, Plough Wents Road, A274 Maidstone Road and A274 Sutton Road. (And vice versa)

CRANBOURNE AVENUE - Closed at junction with A229 Loose Road

25 February - 8 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am,

Alternative route via Cranbourne Avenue, Plains Avenue, South Park Road and Park Way. (And vice versa)

PLAINS AVENUE - Closed at junction with A229 Loose Road

25 February - 8 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am,

Alternative route via South Park Road and Park Way. (And vice versa)

ARMSTRONG ROAD - Closed at junction with A229 Loose Road

25 February - 8 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am,

Alternative route via A229 Loose Road, Sheals Crescent and Postley Road.

PARK WAY- Closed at junction with A229 Loose Road

25 February - 8 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am,

Alternative route via A229 Loose Road, Heather Drive and Holtye Crescent (And vice versa)

ROYSTON ROAD, BEARSTED - Closed between Madginford Road and Spot Lane

25 March 2013 - 9.30am to 3.30pm

Alternative route via Royston Road, Rosemary Road, Romney Close,

A20 Ashford Road and Spot Lane. (And vice versa)

POPLAR GROVE, MAIDSTONE - Closed between A20 London Road and Hazelwood Drive using two phases

10 April & 11 April 2013 - 7.00am to 7.00pm

Phase 1 - A20 London Road to Ash Grove

Alternative route via A20 London Road, Conway Road and Ash Grove (and vice versa).

Phase 2 - Ash Grove to Hazelwood Drive

Alternative route via A20 London Road, Conway Road, Ash Grove, Maxwell Drive and Howard Drive (and vice versa).

CHART CORNER, CHART SUTTON - Closed between Amber Lane/Warm Lake Road and B2163 Plough Wents Road

4 April 2013 - 9.30am to 3.30pm

Alternative route - West bound via Amber Lane, Brishing Road and B2163 Plough Wents Road (and vice versa)

Alternate route - East bound via Warm Lake Road, Norton Road and B2163 Plough Wents Road (and vice versa)

AMBER WAY, CHART SUTTON - Closed between Amber Lane/Warm Lake Road and B2163 Plough Wents Road

4 April 2013 - 9.30am to 3.30pm

Alternative route - West bound via Amber Lane, Brishing Road and B2163 Plough Wents Road (and vice versa)

Alternate route - East bound via Warm Lake Road, Norton Road and B2163 Plough Wents Road (and vice versa)

B2163 PLOUGH WENTS ROAD, CHART SUTTON - Closed between 'York House' and West of Lested Lane

5 April 2013 - 9.30am to 3.30pm

Alternative route - West bound via Amber Lane and Brishing Lane (and vice versa)

Alternate route - East bound via Warm Lake Road and Norton Road (and vice versa)

SEVENOAKS

SHURLOCK AVENUE, SWANLEY
Closed between B2173 London Road and The Orchard

18 February 2013 - 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Alternative route via B2173 London Road and Walnut Way

BILLET HILL, FAWKHAM
Closed between Ash Road and Fawkham Green Road

19 February - 20 February 2013 - 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Alternative route via Ash Road, Manor Lane, Michael's Lane, Valley Road and Fawkham Green Road

A25 LONDON ROAD (THE SQUARE), SEVENOAKS
Closed between A25 London Road North Roundabout & A25 London Road South Roundabout

21 February - 28 February 2013 weekdays only - 9:00 pm to 5:00 am

Alternative route via A224 Amherst Hill, B2020 Botolphs Road, A225 St Johns Hill and A25 Bradbourne Vale Road, A25 Maidstone Road

B2027 CLINTON LANE, HEVER
Closed between How Green Lane to Ide Hill Road

25 February - 26 February 2013 - 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Alternative route via Ide Hill Road, B2042 Green Lane and B2042 Toys Field Road

BRIDLE ROAD, SEAL
Closed from Park Lane to 'Godden Green Clinic' access

6 March 2013 - 7:00pm to 5:00am

No alternative route, access only

B258 HIGH STREET/B2173 BARTHOLOMEW ROAD, SWANLEY
Closed between Nightingale Way to B258 Swanley Lane

Phase 1: 7 March - 8 March 2013 - 9:00 pm until 5:00 am for closure to north roundabout

Phase 2: 9 March 2013 - 10:00 pm until 5:00 am for closure of south roundabout

Alternative route during both phases via B258 Goldsel Road, B258 Crockenhill Road, B258 Mill Brook Road, B258 Station Road, A224 Sevenoaks Way, A223 Edgington Way, B2173 Maidstone Road and B2173 London Road

A25 SEAL ROAD
Closed between A225 Otford Road and Pinewood Avenue

18 March - 27 March 2013 - 9:00 pm until 5:00 am

Lighter Traffic Diversion - B2019 Seal Hollow Road, A224 London Road, A224 Amherst Hill and A25 Bradbourne Vale Road

Heavy Traffic Diversion - A225 Otford Road, A225 Station Road, A225 Shoreham Road, A20 Main Road Gorse Hill, A20 London Road and A227 Wrotham Road

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING

B2016 SEVEN MILE LANE, OFFHAM - closed between Junction with A26 Maidstone Road/A228 Seven Mile Lane and junction with A20 London Road.

14 - 21 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am.

Alternative route via A20 London Road, A228 Ashton Way, A228 Kings Hill, A228 Malling Road and B2016 Seven Mile Lane. (And vice versa)

COMP LANE, OFFHAM - Closed at its junctions with B2016 Seven Mile Lane.

14 - 21 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am.

Alternative routes:

Eastbound - via Comp Lane, Long Mill Lane and A25 Maidstone Road

Westbound - via Comp Lane, North Meadow, Church Road and A20 London Road

QUARRY HILL ROAD, TONBRIDGE - Closed southbound between Quarry Hill Road and South Frith, including the Tonbridge traffic signals slip road up to its junction with A26 London Road northbound.

11 and 12 March 2013 - 8.00pm to 05.00am

Alternative route via A26 Quarry Hill Road, A2014 Pembury Road,

A21 Pembury Road (Pembury bypass), A21Castle Hill, A21 Pembury Road, A264 Pembury Road, A264 Calverley Road, A264 Crescent Road, A264 Church Road, A26 London Road, A26 St Johns Road, and A26 London Road.

EAST STREET (NORTH), WEST MALLING - Closed for it's entire length from the junction with Woodgate Road.

23 April 2013 - 9.00am to 4.00pm

There is no alternative route as the road is a cul-de-sac.

A228 BRANBRIDGES INDUSTRIAL ESTATE ROUNDABOUT, EAST PECKHAM - Complete closure of the roundabout.

12 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am.

Alternative route via A228 Whetsted Road, A228 Maidstone Road. B2017 Five Oak Green Road, A26 Woodgate Way, A26 Vale Road, A26 Cannon Lane, A26 Hadlow Road, A26 Cornwallis Avenue, A26 Hadlow Road East, A26 Tonbridge Road, A26 High Street, A26 Maidstone Road and A228 Seven Mile Lane (and vice versa).

A228 BRANBRIDGES ROAD, TONBRIDGE - Closure between Whetsted Road Roundabout and Branbridges Industrial Estate Roundabout.

12 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am.

Alternative route for North bound traffic via A228 Whetsted Road, A228 Maidstone Road, B2017 Five Oak Green Road, A26 Woodgate Way, A26 Vale Road, A26 Cannon Lane, A26 Hadlow Road, A26 Cornwallis Avenue, A26 Hadlow Road East, A26 Tonbridge Road, A26 High Street, A26 Maidstone Road and A228 Seven Mile Lane.

A228 HALE STREET BYPASS (BOYLE WAY), TONBRIDGE - Closure between Maidstone Road Roundabout and Branbridges Industrial Estate Roundabout.

12 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am.

Alternative route for South bound traffic via A228 Seven Mile Lane, A26 Maidstone Road, A26 High Street, A26 Tonbridge Road, A26 Hadlow Road East, A26 Cornwallis Avenue, A26 Hadlow Road, A26 Cannon Lane, A26 Vale Road, A26 Woodgate Way, B2017 Five Oak Green Road, A228 Maidstone Road and A228 Whetsted Road.

BRANBRIDGES ROAD, TONBRIDGE - Closure at it's junction with Branbridges Industrial Estate Roundabout.

12 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am.

Alternative route via Branbridges Road, Hale Street and Maidstone Road

A228 MAIDSTONE ROAD ROUNDABOUT, EAST PECKHAM - Complete closure of the roundabout.

13 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am.

Alternative route via A228 Branbridges Road, A228 Whetsted Road, A228 Maidstone Road. B2017 Five Oak Green Road, A26 Woodgate Way, A26 Vale Road, A26

Cannon Lane, A26 Hadlow Road, A26 Cornwallis Avenue, A26 Hadlow Road East, A26 Tonbridge Road, A26 High Street and A26 Maidstone Road (and vice versa).

A228 HALE STREET BYPASS (BOYLE WAY), TONBRIDGE - Closure between Branbridges Industrial Estate Roundabout and Maidstone Road Roundabout.

13 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am.

Alternative route for North bound traffic via A228 Branbridges Road, A228 Whetsted Road, A228 Maidstone Road, B2017 Five Oak Green Road, A26 Woodgate Way, A26 Vale Road, A26 Cannon Lane, A26 Hadlow Road, A26 Cornwallis Avenue, A26 Hadlow Road East, A26 Tonbridge Road, A26 High Street and A26 Maidstone Road.

A228 SEVEN MILE LANE, EAST PECKHAM / A228 HALE STREET BYPASS, TONBRIDGE - Closure between Martin's Lane junction and Maidstone Road Roundabout.

13 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am.

Alternative route for South bound traffic via A26 Maidstone Road, A26 High Street, A26 Tonbridge Road, A26 Hadlow Road East, A26 Cornwallis Avenue, A26 Hadlow Road, A26 Cannon Lane, A26 Vale Road, A26 Woodgate Way, B2017 Five Oak Green Road, A228 Maidstone Road, A228 Whetsted and A228 Branbridges Road.

MAIDSTONE ROAD, EAST PECKHAM - Closure at it's junction with Maidstone Road Roundabout.

13 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am.

Alternative route via Maidstone Road, Hale Street, Branbridges Road and then alternative route for A228 Hale Street Bypass.

B2015 MAIDSTONE ROAD, EAST PECKHAM - Closure at it's junction with Maidstone Road Roundabout.

13 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am.

Alternative route via B2015 Maidstone Road, A26 Tonbridge Road, A26 Maidstone Road and then alternative route for A228 Seven Mile Lane / A228 Hale Street Bypass.

B245 TONBRIDGE ROAD, HILDENBOROUGH - Temporary 10 mph Speed Restriction for Convoy Working.

2 & 3 April 2013 - 9.30am to 03.30pm.

Extents: from 75m South East of Hilden Avenue to 50m North West of Brookmead.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS

A264 PEMBURY ROAD - closed between A21 roundabout (west) and Sandhurst Road.

25 - 28 March 2013 - 8.00pm to 05.00am,

Alternative route via A264 Pembury Road. Sandhurst Road, Birken Road, Longfield Road, A21 Hastings Road and A264 Pembury Road. (And vice versa)

SPELDHURST HILL - closed between Lower Green Road and Langton Road.

28 and 29 March 2013 - 7pm to 5am

Alternative route via Langton Road, Speldhurst Road, The Green, A264 Langton Road, a264 Bishops down, A26 London Road, A26 Mount Ephraim, A26 St Johns Road, Speldhurst Road, Etherington Hill

CAMDEN ROAD - closed in two separate phases:

14 , 15, 18 and 19 March 2013 - 7pm to 5am

Southside between Victoria Road/Garden Road junction and Garden Street.

Alternative route via Victoria Road, A26 Grosvenor Road, A26 mount Ephraim, A26 London Road, A264 Church Road, A264 Crescent Road, Calverley Road

Northside between Victoria Road/Garden Road junction and Stone Street.

Alternative route via Garden Road, Lansdowne road, St James' Road, Beulah Road.

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FOOTBALL

Stones bring in winger Hill

MAIDSTONE United have signed former Tonbridge Angels winger Rory Hill.

A former Gillingham trainee, Hill was released by the Blue Square South side last week as manager Tommy Warrilow looked to balance the books.

"While I was on the look-out for new players, Rory was recommended to me," said Jay Saunders, manager of the Ryman One South side.

"He's an excellent winger."

FENCING

GB Champs at Medway Park

MEDWAY Park in Gillingham is this weekend hosting the Cadet and Junior GB Fencing Championships.

The cadet category includes fencers aged between 13 and 17 and the junior category is for combatants aged 13-20.

All six weapons will be held, with the cadets taking the stage on Saturday and the juniors on Sunday.

The event runs from 9am to 5.30pm each day and admission is free.

MOTORSPORTS

Circuit to host Astons party

THE largest collection of Aston Martin racing cars ever to gather on a single track will meet at Brands Hatch in July for a unique race series to continue the British brand's centenary celebrations.

More than a hundred of the marque's racing cars, dating from 1922 to the present day, will gather for the two-day race series on July 6-7.

Visit www.brandshatch.co.uk for further information and ticket details.

ATHLETICS

Stars aim for indoor glory

FIVE athletes will this weekend be battling it out to claim a place at the European Indoor Championships taking place in Sweden next month.

Jack Green (400m), Shaunagh Brown and Scott Rider (both shot put), Sean Molloy (800m) and Dina Asher-Smith (60m and 200m) will be competing at the UK Indoor Championships in Sheffield.

FOOTBALL

Baku-bound Willard aiming to transform Azerbaijan's youth

Daryl Willard is hoping to buck the trend of English coaches abroad; he talks to **Greg Miles** about overcoming the stigma of non ex-pro player-coaches

TRYING to find an English player, coach or manager abroad is often like looking for a needle in a haystack.

But Daryl Willard isn't averse to the idea, which is understandable when you see what plying his trade on foreign shores has already done for his career.

The 30-year-old from Tunbridge Wells has never been a professional footballer, but he has got a march on the opposition when it comes to coaching, having had roles at Chelsea and Spurs. Now he's landed the role of head of development with Azerbaijani premier-league side Azal PFK. You may ask 'Who?!', as did we, but in this case it's more about the why.

Willard is no stranger to the Asian country, having worked there until six months ago in a similar role at Gabala FC, where England and Arsenal legend Tony Adams took him on as part of his backroom staff when in charge.

Fellow Kent resident and former England international Gary Stevens was also part of the set-up, while Gillingham striker Deon Burton was on the playing staff.

"It's difficult, English football," said Willard. "The reason I chose to leave was I wanted to do things differently. I didn't want to be a part of the grain.

"The game's changed. You can't just be a footballer and go into management. Jose Mourinho said you can't just finish football and be a coach – you need to learn how to be a coach.

"The one thing about coaching abroad is there aren't the same pressures. You get more time. I was thrown in the deep end before and it makes you grow. I would rather stay out of the country learning until the time's right to come back in."

He concedes there is a stigma in the English game that only ex-pros make good coaches or managers. It's a myth that he's keen to dispel.

"England is a difficult place to get into. I've been in it twice and left it twice – it might be a huge mistake, but it's a gamble I'm prepared to take," he said. "I'm going to start my management abroad. Hopefully, I will get that opportunity in the next few years.

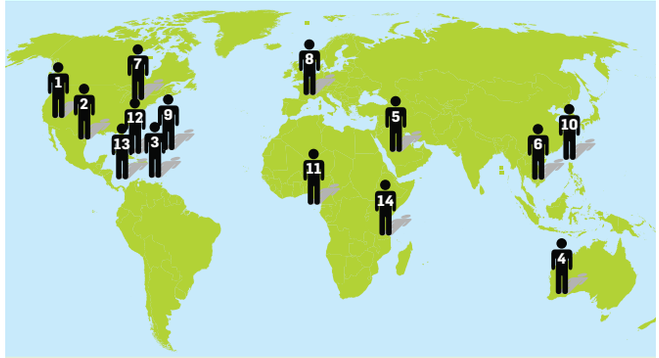
"The more coaches who succeed, then the more it backs up the argument. It drives you on to prove people wrong. If you're good enough as a coach or manager, the players will respect you. All my life I've seen it. I think you feel it wherever you go. It drives you on, it's one of those things you've got to deal with. That's the way it is."

It's fair to say he has had a good education. At 16 he made the brave move of giving up on becoming a player and instead shadowed coaches at Chelsea's local schools programmes. It was a work experience that paid off.

"I was never a top footballer," he said.

GABALA: Daryl Willard, centre, with Gary Stevens, left, and Tony Adams, right

ENGLISH COACHES PLYING THEIR TRADE ABROAD



AMERICA	(1) **Colin Clarke**, head coach at the Carolina RailHawks
	(2) **Frank Yallop**, head coach of San Jose Earthquakes
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	(3) **Tom Curtis**, national manager
AUSTRALIA	(4) **Ian Ferguson**, head coach of Perth Glory
BAHRAIN	(5) **Peter Taylor**, national manager
CAMBODIA	(6) **Dave Booth**, manager of Phnom Penh Crown
CANADA	(7) **Danny Dichio**, Toronto FC academy
GERMANY	(8) **Colin Bell**, manager of Bad Neuenahr women's team
GRENADA	(9) **Mike Adams**, national manager
HONG KONG	(10) **Tony Sealy**, operations director at Hong Kong FC
NIGERIA	(11) **Paul Ashworth**, technical director of the Kwara Football Academy
TRINIDAD	(12) **Terry Fenwick**, coach at Central FC
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS	(13) **Matthew Green**, futsal coordinator
UGANDA	(14) **Bobby Williamson**, national manager

AZERBAIJAN FACT FILE

- Azal PFK was founded in 1996; it was formerly called Olimpik Baku and Olimpik-Shuvalan Baku.
- They play at the 3,500-capacity AZAL Arena, which opened in 2011 and has an artificial pitch.
- They finished runners-up in the Premier League in 2007/08.
- They have qualified for European competition twice, losing in the first qualifying round both times: in 08/09 in the UEFA Cup and 11/12 in the UEFA Europa League.
- Azerbaijan's national manager since 2008 is German legend Berti Vogts.

"I started my own business at all the schools in the area. Then at 17 I got in contact with the Chelsea community scheme and asked if I could shadow. From that I got a bit of work from Chelsea and then worked there for six years in their academy.

"That was good being under 20 and working with the people I was working with, seeing Jose Mourinho at the training ground and Brendan Rodgers, who was under-16 coach at the time, and talking to him. Eddie Newton was doing the under-15s as well.

"So it was a great start and I managed to get my B licence at the age of 23. I left Chelsea when I got offered a position at Tottenham working with the academy. It was a better position with more potential and their philosophy of producing exciting footballers was great.

"Where I was so young at Chelsea, even six years later, everyone still saw me as the young coach. I wanted a fresh start somewhere and so I spent two years there."

He then got a phone-call out of the blue from Adams offering him an interview for a job with Azerbaijani Premier League side Gabala FC.

"I was development coach, taking the reserves and linking the academy and first team," he said. "I was just chucked into the position. I had to learn the language – I didn't have a translator. I can get by in their language. There were one or two who could speak a little English and they would help me.

"When I arrived there, the team was full of 24-, 25- and 26-year-olds, earning the money. The first thing I did, in the next transfer window, was to release nine out of 13 players. I signed a few young players and took players out of the academy, which were the first steps.

"By the time I left, we had two under-21 and six under-19s internationals. At the start of this season, six of those were in the first team."

After leaving in the summer, Willard, who has now achieved his A licence coaching badge, took up a role as assistant manager at Chelsea Ladies. However, he couldn't turn down Azal's offer.

"On December the 22nd they rang, asking me to come out on the 24th for an interview," he said. "I went for one day – I was there for six hours. They offered me the job there and then."

Since then, he has been waiting for his visa and official confirmation of his offer to arrive, which it did last Saturday.

"This position I wouldn't get in England for another 20 years – I'm getting a chance to do it at 30," he said.

"I want to do something different to what they've had before. It could be good, very good.

"They are really improving. I've seen a massive improvement in the ability of the youngsters."

FOOTBALL

Fitness key to Dover's fate as Kinnear hails positive attitude

By Greg Miles
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DOVER Athletic boss Chris Kinnear has backed his side to come good once his squad has a clean bill of health.

The Whites got off to a winning start for Kinnear's second spell at the club, after he replaced Nicky Forster last month, with a 3-2 win over Blue Square South's rock-bottom Truro City.

His hand was forced by injuries and illness to field a changed line-up for that win at the Crabble Ground, in which Tyrone Sterling, Ian Simpemba and Calum Willock netted in a rampant first half. It was a display that Kinnear felt typified his side's spirit.

"They came off shattered," said Kinnear, "It's hard when you're playing in different positions. We had a right-winger playing left-back, a forward playing left midfield. They all stuck together and got a result. It showed a lot of spirit.

"I'm not surprised by any of them at all – I'm just pleased they're prepared to do that. There's nobody sulking at all.

"We need to get the levels of fitness up a bit. There's a lot of injury and illness – if we can get everybody 100 per cent, there's no reason we cannot get into the play-offs."

Kinnear expects scorer of the first goal against Truro, Sterling, to stay at the club. The 25-year-old left-sided player signed from Cray Wanderers shortly after Kinnear joined from Margate. He was in the process of having a trial at League Two side Dagenham & Redbridge.

"He got man of the match," he said. "When he came off, he said he absolutely loved it. He couldn't believe the support."

He admits there has been no fallout from previous boss Nicky Forster's reign, with the Crabble squad showing a positive attitude towards their new manager.

"I've not had anyone say to me 'Nicky's left – I want to go'. I would like to think they still respect him because that's what you do as a player," he said. "We have all go to move on, really. They've all come in with a positive attitude.

"Players play differently in different formations and with different managers. I'm not saying they will play better for me than Nicky – there might be some that played better for Nicky and won't for me. It's just the way it is."

He feels there is no lack of confidence in his squad, which has proved its worth already this season, having been on a six-game winning streak before Christmas. It left them just short of the leaders Salisbury.

However, a post-festive period meltdown saw them drop away and cost former Gills striker Forster his job.

"The players have gone on a run before – it's not like I have come to a club at the bottom of the table," said Kinnear. "There's obviously some excellent players here. I've been doing it long enough now to know how to be successful."

It was his first game back as boss at Dover since he departed 18 years ago, having been in charge in his first spell for 10 years. The result aside, it was a pleasing homecoming for the 59-year-old.

"It's nice the way everyone has been very welcoming. Sometimes you go to a club and not everybody wants you, but it seems everyone is pleased for me to be here," he said. "When they get behind the team, it's really noisy.

"I've been very lucky in my career to have been at two clubs which I really wanted to be at – they've not been two-minute things.

"Somebody told me that the Truro game was my 601st in charge at Dover. I have done well over 1,000 – probably more than 1,100, I would imagine."

Picture: ADY KERRY

SPIRIT: Ian Simpemba scored the second in the 3-2 win over Truro City after returning from injury

FOOTBALL

Three Lions tamed by the Turks at sold-out Princes Park

SAFE: Fleet's Preston Edwards

ENGLAND C suffered a heartbreaking defeat in the semi-final of the International Challenge Trophy, losing by a late goal to visitors Turkey.

The full house of 3,211 at Dartford's Princes Park stadium on Tuesday made it an occasion to remember for England's part-timers, who had Ebbsfleet United's Preston Edwards in goal and Welling United's keeper Sam Mott on the bench.

Paul Fairclough's side succumbed to an 87th-minute goal by Aydin Yilmaz to end England's dreams of reaching the final.

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Pictures: ADY KERRY

ATMOSPHERE: Turkish fans get into the spirit of things at Dartford's Princes Park

Gills team of the Century

This season marks the 100th anniversary of the Gills being known as Gillingham, having originally being founded as New Brompton. We are celebrating those we think deserve a place in the team of the century.

CHARLIE MARKS

DOB: December 21, 1919
Gills stats: 452 appearances, 8 goals
Clubs: Tooting & Mitcham, Gillingham and Tonbridge

THERE aren't many people with a shot strong enough to break a net, but one of them was Gillingham right-back Charlie Marks.

It's not surprising he achieved such a feat playing in an era when the balls were hard enough to soften the head of the toughest centre-half.

Born in Eccles, near Maidstone, he played locally for Aylesford Boys, Maidstone Boys, Maidstone Paper Sacks, Maidstone United, Lloyds and Tooting & Mitcham before joining Gillingham in 1943, who at that time were a non-league side.

He made 187 appearances as a non-league player and a further 277 when Gillingham were re-elected to the Football League in 1950.

The first of those came in front of 20,000 fans at Priestfield as they played out a goalless draw with Colchester in the Third Division.

He was already a popular player before his legendary net-busting penalty against Northampton in February 1955 elevated the tough tackler's status to cult hero.

The re-woven hole in the net could be seen for several seasons after that until a new one was brought.

His thunderous strike of a ball wasn't just reserved for penalties, though, as he normally took charge of flighting in free-kicks from the wing, often leading to goal-mouth scrambles in the box.

He left Gillingham in 1958 to continue his career in the non-league with Tonbridge,

After leaving the game, he worked as a stock-controller in a local paper mill and lived at Larkfield, near Maidstone. He died in 2005 aged 85.

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